

GOOD NEWS - DAILY

Act 10:31

“and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your **alms** are remembered in the sight of God.

GIVING : ALMS

Mat 6:1

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2Co 9:7

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of **necessity**; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Pro 28:27

*He who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.*

Biblical usages:

Alms and Alms-deeds

1. mercy, pity, esp. as exhibited in giving alms, charity
2. the benefaction itself, a donation to the poor

Necessity

1. necessity, imposed either by the circumstances, or by law of duty regarding to one's advantage, custom, argument
2. calamity, distress, straits

Poor

1. low, poor, weak, **thin**, one who is low

True generosity goes far beyond financial giving—it is a Spirit-led lifestyle that reflects God’s heart. The Bible calls us to give not just money, but also our time, skills, encouragement, mercy and compassion to those in genuine need. When we give cheerfully and wisely, as God leads, our generosity becomes an act of worship that brings hope, healing, and transformation. Through biblical examples like Cornelius, Tabitha, and the early church, we see that Spirit-led giving glorifies God and leaves a lasting impact on individuals and communities. Let us move beyond duty-driven giving and embrace the joy and freedom of generosity inspired by God’s love.



Pro 14:31

He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

Pro 11:24

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Jas 1:27

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Deu 15:11

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Prayer

Lord, let me my giving not be by custom, law, out of pride or self-righteousness. Father, let Your Spirit lead me in my alms-deeds, let me give generously and with a joyful heart. Lord, remove all distress in my giving, restore joy in my charitable deeds. Let my giving align with you will and it be for Your glory. In the name of Jesus. AMEN

Biblical symbolism

***Thin** - poverty, famine, or divine displeasure, diminishing glory Genesis 41:3-4, Isaiah 17:4*