

A great saying popped up on my computer screen the other day, it said:  
"A positive attitude may not solve all of your problems, but it will annoy enough people to certainly make it worth while"!!!!

> In the world we live in, most people are suspicious of anyone giving to them or doing a nice deed. I'm going to show a short video clip, not as an endorsement of this man or his pranks, I don't know him and haven't seen all of his video's, but a very interesting social experiment on doing a nice positive deed,- take a look... >

My wife and I went and saw > the "Pageant of the Masters" in Laguna Beach this past summer. It was themed: "The Pursuit of Happiness"  
It's a magnificent form of art to blend people into classic paintings and such, here's one > of a Chess Game...

very remarkable art and blending real live people that hold their poses oh so good, mixing them right into these paintings as you see here > .....

**but**, I couldn't help but reflect on the bigger picture of their THEME and what mankind pursues in search of HAPPINESS.

Really,... What is **TRUE Happiness?**

We'll start off today with something positive, that is how to be HAPPY!

King David gives a firm answer, one that I've hitched my horse to....  
Psalms 112: 1-3 & verse 9...

> Halleluyah! (Praise Ye YAH (YHVH - (KJV))

How **happy** is anyone who fears YHVH (Yehovah),  
who greatly delights in his mitzvot.

2 His descendants will be powerful on earth,  
a blessed generation of upright people.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness stands forever.

Now notice more about this person....

> 9 He distributes freely, he **gives to the poor**; [Acts 20:35 says “you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.] continuing about this giving man...

his righteousness stands forever.

His power will be increased honorably. (CJB)

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. (KJV)

What we learn from King David's writings here is >... ..

☑ 1- HAPPY is anyone that fears/respects/honors God The Highest and  
DELIGHTS in His Commandments >

☑ 2- This person will be Blessed and His Family/Descendent's will be  
Blessed >

☑ 3- This person Gives Freely to the Poor, and thus his estate will be exalted/  
increase with Honor.

As Jack Webb used to say: "Just the Facts Ma'am" Well, there be the facts!

This concept of giving generously to the poor, is re-quoted by Paul in 2  
Corinthians 9:9 which reads: > “as the Tanakh (or scripture) says,

***“He gave generously to the poor; his righteousness lasts forever.”***

Now, we'll continue reading, because Paul is commending the brethren  
“mainly” for giving and providing to those brethren helping the gospel work in  
preparation for their arrival. But notice who he includes in those helped:

> *“10 He who provides both seed for the planter and bread for food will supply  
and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You  
will be enriched in every way, so that you can be generous in everything. And  
through us your generosity will cause people to thank God, > 12 because  
rendering this holy service not only provides for the needs of God's people,  
but it also overflows in the many thanks people will be giving to God. > 13 In*

*offering this service you prove to these people that you glorify God by actually doing what your acknowledgement of the Good News of the Messiah requires, namely, sharing generously with them **and with everyone.*** “and with EVERYONE”

The KJV finishes this passage "unto all men;" sharing generously with "ALL MEN"

Here's shall we say,- the point of the message:

In helping “the poor”, helping others both In and Out of the body of Christ, we in fact **GLORIFY GOD**, because we “acknowledge” or “fulfill” the “Good News” of Messiah.

The KJV renders verse 13 as “*they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the **gospel of Christ***” (that's from verse 13 of 2 Cor 9)

Not my words or interpretation but the words from your bible, “just the facts ma'am”.

As Christians,- people,- or “the world” see our actions as a reflection of Christ and/or God Almighty Himself. Now WE are just HUMAN beings, not made perfect yet,- BUT ➤ Are WE not Ambassadors of Christ?

You have heard me refer to “The Platinum Rule”,- the Platinum Rule is just a step above the Golden Rule, that of treating others as you would want them to treat you,- Platinum elevates that to interacting with others as you would interact with Christ Himself.

Some may say Matthew 25 relating to clothing, feeding, caring for “the least of these” as just the brethren, but Jesus, Yeshua as him mommy and friends called Him, didn't practice just caring for His disciples now did He?

➤ Did He only heal and feed His disciples, only care for His disciples? Or did He heal and care for **all** who came to Him;

➤ -The leper in Galilee

-The paralytic at Capernaum

-The man with the withered hand in Galilee

## Helping the Poor, What Would Christ Do?

- The woman hemorrhaging blood
- Two blind men at Capernaum
- Man born blind

There's several more, but for sake of time, you get the point... ..

From our Loving God, the theme of caring for those in need, again- this is not JUST the homeless but it does include the homeless,- the theme of caring for those in need is repeatably woven throughout the scriptures, such as:


Isaiah 58:10 *"If you extend your soul to the hungry  
And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,  
And your darkness shall be as the noonday."* (NKJV)

1 John 3:17 *"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"*

18 *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in **deed** and in truth."* (NKJV)

How GREAT would our daily actions **Glorify God**, as Ambassadors of Christ, if we would treat EVERYONE we interact with as though we were interacting with Christ. I don't mean bow or worship, but in love and compassion.

Lev 19:9 "When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don't harvest all the way to corners of your field, and don't gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters. 10 Likewise, don't gather the grapes left on the vine or fallen on the ground after harvest; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am Yehovah your God. (CJB)

I'm going to end by playing another short video snippet by Fousey, and again I'm not endorsing him or his pranks, but again it is a telling social experiment, from a standpoint of public goodwill, a telling look a human nature,... .. 

If we were caught on video by this man, would we be happy for Christ to view it?

## Helping the Poor, What Would Christ Do?

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, you have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another**.

Deuteronomy 15 proclaims the 7th Year of Release, and refers to “people of your community” or the KJV calls them “your neighbor”.

But pay attention to verse 11 of Deuteronomy 15:

11) *“For the poor shall never cease out of the land (there will always be poor people in 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.”* (KJV)

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