

## **Why Are You Giving Alms - Matthew 6A**

**Summarized the main concepts in Matthew 5 & 6.**

**James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**

**Summarized the offerings from the Old Testament Law - 10% of the first fruits, 10% tithes of income, & then 5 % the alms for the poor.**

**Acts 6:2-4 Then the twelve (apostles) called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**

**Matthew 6:1-4 (AV) Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.**

**Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

**Matthew 6:1 (NKJV) 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.**

**Matthew 4:23-25 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. 25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.**

**Matthew 6:2-4 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the**

streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

1 Corinthians 6:19,20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Exodus 8:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Strong's #1654 eleemosune *el-eh-ay-mos-oo'-nay*; from 1656; compassionateness, i.e. (as exercised towards the poor) beneficence, or (concretely) a benefaction: — alms(-deeds).

Strong's #2300 theaomai *theh-ah'-om-ahee*; a prolonged form of a primary verb; to look closely at, i.e. (by implication) perceive (literally or figuratively); by extension to visit: — behold, look (upon), see. Compare 3700.

Luke 18 Summarized of the parable of the Pharisee & the Publican. V13,14 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

James 2:14-26 - V14-16 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

1 Corinthians 13 Referred to the Love chapter. V2B and have not charity (love), I am nothing. V3B and have not charity (love), it profiteth me nothing.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (Faith without works is dead - unsaved)

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of

idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.  
**James 2:18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

**John 3:16,17** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Acts 17:23** For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

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**Matthew 8:29** And, behold, they (Legion demons) cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

**James 2:20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

**Ecclesiastes 1:2** Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

**Matthew 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

**James 2:21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

**Romans 4:3** For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

**Job 1:21** And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

**James 2:22-26** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab

the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

**Luke 11:41** But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

**Luke 12:33** Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

**Acts 3:2,3,10** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; **3** Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. **10** And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

**Acts 10:2,4,31** A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house (had faith), which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. **4** And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. **31** And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

**Acts 24:17** Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

**Luke 21:1-2** And He looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. **2** And He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

**1 Timothy 5** Summarized of the qualifications of widows indeed.

**Luke 2** Summarized of the widow Anna seeing the Baby Jesus in the temple.

**Luke 21:3,4** And He said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: **4** For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

**Concise Bible Dictionary - Alms - Offerings given to the poor.** It was righteous to do so: hence, giving to the poor is called righteousness. **Ps 112:9 2Cor 9:9.** In the law provision was made for the poor. **Ex 23:11 Lev**

**19:10. It is declared that the poor would never cease out of the land; and if not relieved and they cried to the Lord, it would be accounted a sin against those who should have aided them. Deut 15:7-11. On the other hand, we read that he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Prov 19:17. In the N. T. the same thing is enforced. We are exhorted to do good unto all men, especially unto them of the household of faith. Gal 6:10. He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly ... the Lord loveth a cheerful giver; and whole chapters were written to stir up the saints to give liberally to the poor in Judaea. It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

**Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15 But this / say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now He that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) 11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*; 14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks *be* unto God for His unspeakable gift. (Sending His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.)**

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