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“Revelation of Jesus” (15)

“Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” (1 John 2:6)

Jesus was Generous

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Acts 20:35 – “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

John 13:29 – “Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the feast,’ or that he should give something to the poor.”

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Matthew 26:6-14 – (6) “Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, (7) a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. (8) And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, ‘Why this waste? (9) For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.’ (10) But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. (11) For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. (12) In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. (13) Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.’ (14) Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests...”

Acts 2:44-45 – (44) “And all who believed were together and had all things in common. (45) And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”

Romans 12:13 – “Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

Investment Advice

1 Timothy 6:17-19 – (17) “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Proverbs 22:9 – “Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.”

Proverbs 19:17 – “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Psalms 112:6-7, 9 – (6) “For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. (7) He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. (9) He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.”

Gehazi's Poor Choice

2 Kings 5:26-27 – (26) “But Elisha asked him, ‘Don’t you realize that I was there in spirit when Naaman stepped down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to receive money and clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and cattle, and male and female servants? (27) Because you have done this, you and your descendants will suffer from Naaman’s leprosy forever.’ When Gehazi left the room, he was covered with leprosy; his skin was white as snow.” (NLT)

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