

IMPARTIALITY: THEME OF THE BIBLE

- 1** **“Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble” (Ps.41:1)**
 - There is a promise for those who reach out to the needy. It is part of their character, as evidenced that they consider the poor.
- 2** **“He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap” (Ps.113:7)**
 - Do you treat the unwanted in society as though they have value?
- 3** **“He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished” (Pr.17:5)**
 - When you mock the poor, you reproach the poor man's Maker.
- 4** **“Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be heard” (Pr.21:13)**
 - If your prayers are not answered, inventory to see if you have stopped your ears.
- 5** **“The righteous considers the cause of the poor, But the wicked does not understand such knowledge” (Pr.29:7)**
 - He does not want to know about it.
- 6** **“She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy” (Pr.31:20)**
 - The virtuous woman has the heart of God as she reaches for those in needy.
- 7** **“...they sell the righteous for silver, And the poor for a pair of sandals” (Am.2:6)**
 - This was continually an issue especially for the leaders of Israel (Am.5:12). God has a heart for the poor.

>> Lv.25:35-37, no one was to ever charge interest to a poor person. You either gave them the money, or an interest free loan.

>> Mt.19:21, Jesus gave a test to the rich young ruler, He said, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor.”

>> Every 7th year was the sabbath year of the land. The poor had all debts cancelled so they would not go deeper into debt.

>> Year of Jubilee was when everybody was set free. All slaves who worked for someone was given opportunity to reorient their lives.