

**Scriptures Relating To Meeting the Needs of the Poor**  
**(Scriptures of Jesus doing so excluded)**

1. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men . . . . But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Matt. 6:2&3 (NIV)
2. The young man said to Him, “All of these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?”  
Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Matt. 19:20&21
3. “For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.”  
Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?”  
And the King will answer and say to them, “Truly I say to you to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.” Matt. 25:35-40
4. But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, “What is the point of this waste? For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.” Matt. 26:8&9
5. And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, “One thing you still lack; go and sell all you possess, and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” Mark 10:20&21
6. He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent away the rich empty-handed. Luke 1:53
7. And he would answer and say to them, “Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise.” Luke 3:11
8. “Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.” Luke 6:30

9. “The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden.” Luke 4:18
10. “Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear, and unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.” Luke 12:33
11. “But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” Luke 14:13
12. Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day. And a certain poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table. Luke 16:19-21
13. And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me.” Luke 18:22
14. “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor people?” John 12:5
15. For some were supposing because Judas had the moneybox, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast;” or else that he should give the money to the poor. John 13:29
16. Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Romans 15:1
17. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. Romans 15:26
18. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. I Cor. 13:3
19. As it is written, “He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, and His righteousness abides forever.” II Cor. 9:9
20. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Acts 10:2
21. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a remembrance before God.” Acts 10:4

22. And said, “Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.” Acts 10:31
23. If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? James 2:15&16
24. But whoever has the world’s goods and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.  
I John 3:17&18
25. This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27
26. They only asked us to remember the poor-the very thing I also was eager to do. Gal. 2:10
27. Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need. Eph. 4:28
28. And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men. I Thes. 5:14

Some Old Testament scriptures saying the same thing:

Daniel 4:27  
Psalms 41:1-3  
Psalms 72:12  
Psalms 112:9  
Job 31:16-23  
Isaiah 58:7-10