

## The Century Scroll: The 100 Times that our obligation to take care of the poor is mentioned in the Bible.

**Proverbs 19:17** Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. **Deuteronomy 15:11** For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' **Luke 14:13** But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. **Proverbs 14:31** Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. **Proverbs 22:9** Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. **Mark 10:21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **Luke 6:20-21** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. **Proverbs 28:27** Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse. **Matthew 19:21** Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **Luke 6:20-26** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ... **Galatians 2:10** Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. **Proverbs 21:13** Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered. **Matthew 26:11** For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. **Proverbs 29:7** A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge. **Proverbs 14:21** Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. **1 John 3:17** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? **Matthew 5:3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **2 Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. **Matthew 11:5** The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. **Isaiah 25:4** For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, **Psalms 140:12** I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy. **Matthew 25:40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' **Proverbs 22:22-23** Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them. **Proverbs 22:16** Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty. **Proverbs 17:5** Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished. **Jeremiah 22:16** He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD. **Psalms 35:10** All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?" **Psalms 125** "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs." **Luke 3:11** And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." **Deuteronomy 15:7-8** "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. **Proverbs 31:8-9** Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. **Psalms 146** You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. **Luke 14:12-14** He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; **James 1:27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. **Ezekiel 16:49** Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. **1 Samuel 28** He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. **Matthew 6:3-4** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **Isaiah 58:10** If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. **Leviticus 23:22** "And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God." **Matthew 25:34-40** Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 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 welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ... **Isaiah 41:17** When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. **Psalms 68:10** Your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. **Leviticus 19:15** "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. **Proverbs 22:2** The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all. **Psalms 9:18** For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. **Isaiah 1:17** Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. **Jeremiah 22:3** Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. **Isaiah 58:6-7** "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? **Matthew 25:35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **Luke 12:33** Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. **Matthew 5:42** Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. **Zechariah 7:10** Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." **Leviticus 25:35** "If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you. **Leviticus 19:10** And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. **1 Timothy 6:17-19** 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. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 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. **Psalms 68:5** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. **Deuteronomy 15:7** "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, **Ezekiel 22:29** The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice. **Jeremiah 20:13** Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers. **Proverbs 28:6** Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways. **Deuteronomy 15:10** You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. **Psalms 146:7** Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, The LORD sets the prisoners free; **Deuteronomy 15:10-11** You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' **James 2:5** Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? **Matthew 6:24** "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. **Proverbs 31:20** She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. **Psalms 112:9** He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. **1 John 3:17-18** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. **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.'" **Acts 9:36** Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. **Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." **Proverbs 31:9** Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and the needy. **Ephesians 4:28** Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. **Psalms 99** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **Malachi 3:5** "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me," says the LORD of hosts. **2 Corinthians 9:7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Exodus 23:11** But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. **Luke 21:1-4** Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." **Deuteronomy 15:4** But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— **Mark 10:25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." **Isaiah 10:1-2** Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! **Proverbs 22:1** A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. **Romans 12:13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **Acts 10:4** And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. **Isaiah 29:19** The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. **Acts 24:17** Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. **Matthew 9:36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **Psalms 113:7** He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, **Ezekiel 18:12-13** Oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore the pledge, lifts up his eyes to the idols, commits abomination, lends at interest, and takes profit; shall he then live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon himself. **Luke 7:22** And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. **Romans 15:26** For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. **Luke 11:41** But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you. **Isaiah 61:1-2** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; **Matthew 19:24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." **Deuteronomy 15:1-23** "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the LORD's release has been proclaimed. Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— if only you will strictly obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. ... **Luke 18:22** When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **Matthew 8:20** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." **Psalms 72:4** May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

