



2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

THE NEEDY





# How We Sometimes See The Needy

- **Lazy**
  - They Should Work For It/Earn It
  - "If A Man Won't Work....!"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:10**



# How We Sometimes See The Needy

- **Inferior To Us**

- **Like The Praying Pharisee**

**Luke 18:11, 9**

- **Self-Righteously Looking Down On Them**

**Isaiah 65:5; Matthew 9:11**



# How We Sometimes See The Needy

- Thinking They Should Be Doing Better
  - "Stop Being Poor/Needy!"
  - Believing They Got Themselves In That Condition



# How We Sometimes See The Needy

- **"It's A Scam!"**
- **They Don't Really 'Need'**
- **They Will Just Blow It On Drugs/Alcohol**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Do Not Fill The Needs**
- **We Do Not Demonstrate the Love of God**
- **We Do Not Fulfill God's Demands**

**1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17**

**Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 11; Matthew 5:42**





# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Judge Them 'Unworthy'**
  - **So We Have Nothing To Do With Them**
  - **They Are Of No Value To Us**

**Luke 6:32-34, (35)**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Have Become Judges, Not Helpers**

- **Inconsistently So**

**James 2:1-4**

- **We Demonstrate Partiality**

**James 2:9**





# How Jesus Sees The Needy

- **Deserving of Our Love**
  - **The Characteristics of Love**  
*Matt. 22:37-39; John 15:14; Matt. 5:44; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:4, 5*
  - **We Must Help, Looking For Nothing In Return**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:1-3; Luke 6:35*





# How Jesus Sees The Needy

- **Deserving of Our Help**

- **We Should Show Mercy**

*Proverbs 14:31; Matthew 5:16*

- **Consequences, If We Do Not**

*Proverbs 21:13; Matthew 7:12*





# How Jesus Sees The Needy

- **Ones Not To Judge, But To Help**

- **Consider Their Situation**

*Proverbs 29:7; Psalm 41:1*

- **We Should Be On Their Side**

*Proverbs 31:8, 9*





# How Jesus Sees The Needy

- **A Matter of OUR Judgment**

- **Eternal Life, or Destruction?**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

- **We Can Be Blessed**

**Proverbs 14:21; 22:9**



*“... you have the poor with you always, and  
whenever you wish you may do them good.”*

**Mark 14:7**



