

"Churches" are self-serving!

..., Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**. Luke 12: 1

Let's look at what Jesus has to say on the subject where to give.

Sell your stuff and give it to the poor. Did you get that? To the poor, not to the church, not to Jesus, not to the religious leaders.

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and **sell** that thou hast, **and give to the poor**, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. Matthew 19: 21

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:34- 40

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1: 27

... **he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor**; ..., Luke 4: 18

For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, ..or, **that he should give something to the poor**. John 13: 29

For this ointment might have been sold for much, and **given to the poor**. Matthew 26: 9

Only they would that **we should remember the poor**; .. which I also was forward to do. Galatians 2: 10

..Zacchaeus .. said unto the Lord: **Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor**; ..Luke 19: 8

And though **I bestow all my goods to feed the poor**, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 1 Corinthians 13: 3

Now the end of the commandment is **charity out of a pure heart**, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 1 Timothy 1: 5

But when thou makest a feast, **call the poor**, the maimed, the lame, the blind: Luke 14: 13

The "Churches" way of doing things *(Alive even to this today!)*

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Titus 1: 16

For they that are such **serve** not our Lord Jesus Christ, but **their own belly**; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple Romans 16: 18

... they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: ..., whose God is their belly, ...Philippians 3:18-19

The religious leaders through their traditions make the word of God of none effect.

The religious leaders diverted money for themselves that should have been used to take care of the elderly parents.

And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: **and many such like things do ye**. Mark 7: 12-13

When Jesus was speaking to the religious order of the day he said they were consuming the Widows houses.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses**, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore **ye shall receive the greater damnation**. Matthew 23: 14

Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, **teaching things** which they ought not, **for filthy lucre's sake**. Titus 1: 11

"get our CDs DVDs and come to our seminars; learn how to get God to do your bidding"
Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3: 7

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they **heap to themselves teachers**, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 2 Timothy 4: 3-4

"God a money making business" And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; **make not my Father's house an house of merchandise**. John 2: 15-16

For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, **brought no small gain** unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that **by this craft we have our wealth**. Acts 19: 24-25

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself**. 1 Timothy 6: 5

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6: 7

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **Having a form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away**. 2 Timothy 3: 4-5

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not **God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith**, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? **But ye have despised the poor**. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? James 2:5- 6

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 4: 32
Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and **distribution was made unto every man according as he had need**. Acts 4:34- 35 is the excess of others distributed to those that lack in the church you attend?

Paul's view on himself taking payment for preaching

What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, **I may make the gospel of Christ without charge**, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9: 18

("power" require payment for preaching the word) If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? **Nevertheless we have not used this power**; ..., **lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ**. 1 Corinthians 9: 12 *Paul did not want him taking money to interfere with the gospel of Christ so he worked as a tentmaker to support himself Acts 18:1-3.*

"The building is coming down" in the Scriptures they were showing Jesus all the fine buildings in the temple and Jesus remark was not one brick will be left on top of another.

I didn't find anywhere in the new testament Jesus telling them to build church buildings, he did tell them to go out and preach the gospel and to bless people