



Lesson #2

Help Those In Need

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Text: **Deuteronomy 14:28-29**

Introduction: Are you fulfilling your destiny? You have only one life to live. You've been given your life as a gift. No one else has your version. No one else has the same qualities, characteristics, and life experiences. You are unique. One of a kind. But, life passes by quickly. A Christian should seek to live life to the fullest. If you are a Christian, you have been given a new life, so don't forget to live! One of the things we should be doing is helping those in need. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Christians Should Help The Strangers

Leviticus 19:33-34 says, "Do not mistreat foreigners living in your country, but treat them just as you treat your own citizens. Love foreigners as you love yourselves, because you were foreigners one time in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."

II. Christians Should Help The Poor

Luke 4:16-21 says, "Jesus traveled to Nazareth, where he had grown up. On the Sabbath day he went to the synagogue, as he always did, and stood up to read. The book of Isaiah the prophet was given to him. He opened the book and found the place where this is written: 'The Lord has put his Spirit in me, because he appointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to tell the captives they are free and to tell the blind that they can see again (**Isaiah 61:1**). God sent me to free those who have been treated unfairly (**Isaiah 58:6**), and to announce the time when the Lord will show his kindness' (**Isaiah 61:2**). Jesus closed the book, gave it back to the assistant, and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue was watching Jesus closely. He began to say to them, 'While you heard these words just now, they were coming true!'"

III. Christians Should Help The Hungry

Matthew 25:34-40 says, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

IV. Christians Should Help The Orphans & Widows

James 1:27 says, "Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and without fault is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help, and keeping yourself free from the world's evil influence."

V. Christians Should Follow The Example of Their Mothers

Consider the **Proverbs 31** woman (**Proverbs 31:10-31**).

Conclusion: We could meet these needs if we followed the example of our mother (**Proverbs 31**). We need to find our place in the kingdom. We have been called to fulfill our destiny. We need to leave a legacy that will last for generations. Are you ready to live?

WORD OF THE DAY = "HELP"