

Message Notes

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First Things First:
God's Heart For The Poor
(Deuteronomy 24:19-22)
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◆ We want to be _____ focused as well as _____ concerned.

What?

◆ God has _____ had a _____ for the _____. (Lev 19:9-10, Lk 6:20)

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. **Deuteronomy 24:19 (NIV)**

◆ We want to become a community of people who stand _____ in _____ the message of the gospel AND _____ living _____ of a _____ God to a _____ world. (Matt 5:16)

Why?

◆ It's a _____ not to be _____. (Ezek 16:49)

◆ It is a sign of true _____. (Lk 3:8-11; Mt 25:31-46; James 1:27)

◆ It's how God defines & describes _____ people. (Job 1:8, 31:16-23)

◆ It's what God Himself says it means to _____ Him. (Jer 22:15-17)

◆ It _____ God's _____ on your life. (Isa 58:6-11; Prov 22:9)

How?

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:18 (NIV)**

◆ We need to learn to give _____, effectively & _____. (Acts 6:3-4)

◆ 5 words to remember for helping the poor: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

◆ Challenge question: How _____ is my _____? (Ruth 2:5-8)