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He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

- Proverbs 28:9

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

- 2 Corinthians 5:10

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 5:17-19

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you

- Deuteronomy 4:2

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

- Deuteronomy 12:32

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

- Revelation 22:18-19

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16

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Be Less Oppressive

Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad

- Ecclesiastes 7:7

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

- Isaiah 1:17

Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates

- Deuteronomy 24:14

And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

- Zechariah 7:10

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

- Psalm 9:9

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

- Psalm 62:10

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

- Psalm 72:4

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Proverbs 14:31

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

- Proverbs 22:16

Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

- Proverbs 22:22

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. To have respect of persons is not good: for a piece of bread that man will transgress. He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

- Proverbs 28:20-22

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

- Proverbs 28:27

A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

- Proverbs 28:3

So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

- Ecclesiastes 4:1

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous: The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieved the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

- Psalm 146

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

- Isaiah 49:26

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

- Malachi 3:5

Be Less Arrogant

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- Romans 12:3

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

- Proverbs 16:5

The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

- Psalm 10:2

Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

- Psalm 73:6

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

- Proverbs 8:13

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom

- Proverbs 11:2

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

- Proverbs 13:10

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. - Proverbs 16:18

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit

- Proverbs 29:23

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- 1 John 2:16

Be Less Certain

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

- Proverbs 3:7

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

- 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

- Romans 12:16

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

- Isaiah 5:21

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Proverbs 1:7

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

- Proverbs 28:26

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

- Proverbs 26:12

Be Less Defensive

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

- Proverbs 15:10

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- 1 Peter 5:5

A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

- Proverbs 13:1

Open rebuke is better than secret love.

- Proverbs 27:5

He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flattereth with the tongue.

- Proverbs 28:23

It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

- Ecclesiastes 7:5

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

- Luke 17:3

Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

- 1 Timothy 5:20

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

- 2 Timothy 4:2

This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

- Titus 1:13

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

- Revelation 3:19

Be Less Ignorant

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

- Ephesians 4:17-25

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

- Hosea 4:6

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

- 1 Peter 2:15

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

- Proverbs 27:12

The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going

- Proverbs 14:15

The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

- Proverbs 18:15

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

- Isaiah 5:21

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

- 1 Corinthians 1:19

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

- Proverbs 21:4

Be More Humble

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

- Luke 14:11

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

- Psalm 138:6

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

- James 4:6

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

- Proverbs 16:19

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 18:4

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

- Matthew 23:12

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

- James 4:10

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

- 1 Peter 5:6

Listen

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

- James 1:19

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

- Proverbs 12:1

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.

- Proverbs 13:18

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

- Proverbs 29:15

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- 2 Timothy 3:16

Believe

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

- Psalm 82:3

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

- Fcclesiastes 5:8

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

- Jeremiah 23:5

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

- Deuteronomy 19:!5

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

- Psalm 27:12

In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

- 2 Corinthians 13:1

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

- Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

- Exodus 23:1

And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

- Deuteronomy 19:18-19

A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

- Proverbs 14:5

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

- Proverbs 19:5

Break With Apathy

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:16

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Romans 12:9-21

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

The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

- Proverbs 15:19

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

- James 4:17

The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

- Mark 14:38

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

- 1 John 3:17-18

And let us not be weary in doing well: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

- Galatians 3:9

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

- Proverbs 21:13

He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

- Proverbs 18:9

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- Hebrews 6:10-12

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

- Ezekiel 16:49

Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

- Proverbs 17:5

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- Isaiah 5:20

Break with Racial Solidarity

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

- Romans 12:5

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:28

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

- 1 John 1:7

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

- Genesis 22:18

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

- Psalm 22:27

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

- Psalm 72:17

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

- Psalm 86:9

For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

- Isaiah 66:18

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come

- Matthew 24:14

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- Matthew 28:19-20

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

- Acts 17:26

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

- Revelation 7:9

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

- Revelation 4:3

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

- Revelation 10:1

John the Baptist

Luke 3:1-14

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Then he said to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto

the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

On Police Brutality

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Luke 3:14

The word "violence" is translated from the Greek word "diaseió" which literally means to "shake violently, to intimidate" and is used in the context of blackmail and extortion.

The word only appears once in the New Testament in Luke 3:14 and is interpreted in a few different ways.

KJV: Do no violence

NAS: Do not take money

INT: Do not oppress

All three are correct. In modern society we call the taking of money "asset forfeiture" which allows the police to make claims against someone and confiscate their property even without charging the person with a crime. The person then has to go through a legal process to recover their stolen property.

Police brutality and cruelty is not necessary and pastors do a disservice to cops and their community if they fail to preach effectively against these ungodly practices and fail to hold cops accountable who participate in them.

On Two Coats

He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

- Luke 3:11



Jesus did not teach us to bring people to him through tracts and slogans.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16

Dave Ramsey has seven "Baby Steps" which involve taking care of yourself financially and your children financially before the last step which includes giving. Jesus had a different plan which is to help others with whatever we have in excess that they are in need of. A person who has two coats is not rich, but they can do with one if another person has none. A person who has plenty to eat can share with someone who has nothing to eat. It is not in Jesus' plan to wait until we can build wealth before we should think of others. Taking care of the poor is not a job for the rich. It is the job of anyone who has something they can give to someone in need.

When you think of others, your attitude towards work improves and alleviating the suffering of others makes the world a better place for everyone.

On Good Works

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16

The "Good Works" that Jesus is looking for are outlined in the Law found in the Old Testament and further explained in the New Testament. The New Testament does not replace the Old Testament law.

As Jesus Himself said:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 5:17-19

Time, Talents, and Treasure

The tithe is how the church is properly funded to care for the poor, fatherless, widows, orphans and strangers in the land. 10% of the tithe is the heave offering for the church employees. 90% of the tithe is for the physical welfare of the community. If you are not sure about how your church is spending money, you can deposit 10% of your income into a short term investment account such as ACORNS and let it grow for a year. At the end of the tithe year (November 1st is a good day to choose), withdraw 10% of the money and give it to the church for them to do as they please.

For the other 90%, direct the funds towards good works. If the church has specific funding needs, you can use the money for that. Or, if they are not serving the needs of the community, you can look for charities to donate to or individuals on services such as GoFundMe. Do your due diligence to ensure a charity you donate to is maximizing the use of those funds. You can also give money directly to the homeless you see.

Having a tithe year that starts November 1st gives you two months during the holidays to distribute money when people are more focused on charitable giving that will fund organizations for the following year. Not everyone is in a position where they can give 10% of their income away. You can also consider your time. If you work 40 hours per week then a tithe of your time is 4 hours per week. Find ways to meaningfully serve your community.

You can also use your talents to serve your community. If you have some sort of marketable skills, you can use them to help around the community. This is separate from "time" because "talents" is a focus on your intellectual abilities while "time" can be given for more mundane tasks such as serving in a soup kitchen or cleaning up trash.

We should not be viewing everything through the lens of profit. Some things that are necessary to be done do not produce profit. And we take a portion of our resources to take care of those things in a God pleasing way.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

God gives us an abundance of time, talents and treasure so that we can find ways to serve Him through caring for those who do not have enough.

Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

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 we saw 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.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand,
Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an
hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye
gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not
in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and
ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Brothers, Sisters and Mothers of Christ

Matthew 12:46-50

While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.