



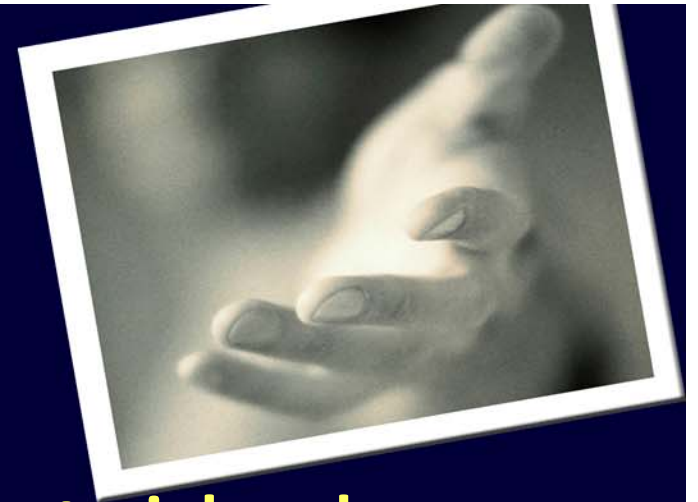
RESPONSIBILITY  
*to Benevolent Needs*

MATTHEW 25:31-46

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## WHAT is benevolence?

- **Benevolence is supplying physical, material and temporal service and help to persons in need**



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WHO has responsibility for benevolence?

- Individual Christians are responsible (Matt. 7:12; 1 John 3:17; Acts 9:36-43; 4:32-37)
- The congregation is responsible (Acts 11:27-30; Rom 15:25-27)
- Congregations may cooperate (2 Cor. 9:1-5, 12-13; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)

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TO WHOM is benevolence to be shown?



- Widows (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 5:3-16)
- Fatherless (James 1:27)
- Poor (Gal. 2:10)
- All men (Gal. 6:10)
- Brethren (6:10)
- Neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)

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## WHY must we practice benevolence?

- To obey the Lord's command (Eph. 4:28; Jas. 1:27; Gal. 6:10)
- To show genuine love for all men (Matt. 22:37-39; Luke 10:25-37)
- To follow the pattern of the New Testament church (Acts 2:44-45; 4:37; 6:1-6; 9:36; 11:27-30)
- To emulate Christ's example (Matt. 9:36; 20:28; Acts 10:38)
- To serve Christ Himself (Matt. 25:31-46)
- To save souls (Luke 10:9; 19:10)

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Put Your Life in the Hands of God Today!

- **Believe Jesus is God's Son – Mark 16:16**
- **Repent of your sins and turn to God – Acts 2:38**
- **Confess your faith in Jesus – Matthew 10:32**
- **Be immersed into Christ – Galatians 3:27**
  - God will forgive all of your sins – Acts 22:16
  - God will add you to His church – Acts 2:47
  - God will register you in heaven – Hebrews 12:23
- **Walk faithfully with Him every day – 1 John 1:7**