

Being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a value upheld all throughout scripture.

During the Old Covenant giving generously to the poor was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Deuteronomy 15:10-11) NLT ***Give generously to the poor****, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. 11There will always be some in the land who are poor.* ***That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor*** *and with other Israelites in need.*

In the New Covenant, generosity to the poor is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(1 John 3:16-17) NLT *We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—****how can God’s love be in that person?***

Giving to the poor to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not sacrificial love.

(Matthew 6:1) NLT *“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.*

Generously giving to the poor puts God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God promises to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, protect, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and heal those who are kind to the poor.

(Psalm 41:1-3) NLT *Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble. 2The Lord protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. 3The Lord nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health.*

God views \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the poor as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

(Proverbs 19:17) NLT *If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!*

Generously giving to the poor will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(2 Corinthians 9:9) *As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”*

Giving generously to the poor prompts God to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(2 Corinthians 9:10-11) NLT *For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 11Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.*

Allow the sacrificial love of God in you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.