

Give Thought to the Needs of Others

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” – John 6:5

The miraculous overflow of fish and bread – divine increase – was put in train because Jesus gave thought to the needs of others. He saw the multitude and quickly identified one of their needs: The need for food. The crowd had followed Jesus for some time, and it was evident to Him that they were hungry: not only for signs and wonders, but also for physical food.

Jesus was compassionate. The word compassion means having “sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.”¹ **He was genuinely concerned about the needs of others and often put others before himself.**

It should not only be about “I” and “Me,” and “What can I get from others?” It is important to note that for divine increase to flow in our lives, we must take our focus away from “self” and gaze upon the needs of others. *“Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him..”*

There are many scriptures which link giving to the poor and needy to heavenly blessings and divine increase, including:

Proverbs 22:9- Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Proverbs 19:17 - The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the LORD, and the LORD will repay him for his good deed.

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A large quantity, pressed together, shaken down, and running over...

Psalms 41:1-3 - For the choir director: A psalm of David. Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble. The LORD protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. The LORD nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health.

Proverbs 29:7 - The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

Today, I will set in motion the miracle of divine increase for my life by giving thought to needs of others, especially the poor, weak, and fatherless. Be blessed.

Heavenly Father,

“Teach me to take my eyes off of myself and look towards the poor and needy. I declare that, like Jesus, I set in motion the promise of divine increase for my life. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Memory Verses: *“The righteous considereth the cause of the poor..” - Proverbs 29:7*