

No Needy Among You

Acts 4:34 — This is a fulfillment of Dt 15:4. It could only happen in the New Covenant. There was no needy among them because all who had lands laid them at the feet of the apostles (Mk 10:28-30). Barnabas sold his land. He had a big property and put it at the feet of the apostles.

Lk 12:33 — giving alms means give to someone in more need than you. Give to someone who will use it to build up the kingdom. There is always enough if we are giving alms. There was a brother who needed shoes in Boston. But the only reason he didn't have was because there was another brother who had four pairs. The brother with four pairs was waiting for someone to go buy new shoes for the other brother instead of giving what he had.

Isa 60:5 and Hag 2:7-8 — Think how many houses there will be in our tribal region. We might expand to the two states south of us.

Mk 10:29 — I don't think anyone here yet has come in and given a house. A house is the most secure thing a person has. It's a thing that is intertwined with your soul, "It's all mine." You finally have your dream house — all you ever wanted, and then someone comes along and tells you that you have to give it up to follow YAHSHUA. Or you bring in a car and you watch someone else drive it around.

Possessions have a hold on us. Jewelry — that special thing from your grandmother. Prisca could have been the same way, she had just gotten her dental equipment. The love of money is the root of all evil. It could be the coat you've had for many years and love it. Then you see a brother who needs it. Is it hard to give it up? Then you see someone else wearing it around and you ask, "How is my jacket doing?" But when you meet Yahshua. He is more important than anything else — all else is considered as refuse. People finally get their dream house: "We'll go somewhere out west and build a little nest and let the rest of the world go by."

These things have tentacles in us. It's these things people won't give up.

Mk 10:17 — The rich young ruler asked, "What must I do...?" Give up all you have. He had many possessions. He put his head down and sadly walked away. This man was sincere. He'd fallen on his knees and asked Yahshua... He was more willing to give his life than his possessions but his life was tied to his possessions.

This is something that Christians don't preach.

Kepha — I never heard about this until I came here.

And it's not just getting rid of all your possessions, but it's putting it at the apostles feet. It's not giving when you want to and giving a little at a time. Like Shua's money: It was more than New Zealand could use. They could have kept it to buy land in Australia. But our brothers in France had been praying for ten years. So the apostles knew the *pressing* need in all the tribes.

When Sameach came, David Derush had his favorite shirt and pants, so he told his wife, go get it — he gave it to Sameach. We're still tied to certain things. We can admit it but we can't let it control us. The enemy can use it to reduce you to the cost of a loaf of bread.

Do you take Mk 10:29-30 literally? Given freely, with no tentacles, for Yahshua's sake and for the sake of the Good News. Those are the two things to lose our life for. Have you lost your life for Yahshua and the Good News. This way we'll save our life. Mk 8:35,38 — If we've lost it, we'll not be ashamed of the good news or of Him.

You have to give up your life, your sovereignty, your house, your mother, brother, sister, son... And what is the promise? What if three people give up farms? Maybe we'll have to go south — 300 farms. Our Master is truthful. He means 100 houses. How many houses will we get in this tribe? Depends on how many are given up. Every parent says, "No, don't go there," but that is what we give up. "Whoever wants to follow Me must take up his cross."

Our Master wasn't very tactful. He didn't wait for the right moment. But sometimes we need to be abrupt. If you never get around to telling them this, then you didn't share the good news. The policeman we talked to evaded the subject. Every time we started talking about it, they changed the subject or didn't ask questions.

Our Master said to Nicodemus, “What! you a teacher of the Jews don’t know this?” He almost offended him. Sometimes you have to ask that provocative question. Where will you spend eternity? What do you think about eternal death? There’s really something about death. He came to rescue us from death. It is appointed for all men to die once. We need to be more direct with people if you love them. If we are ashamed, it loses its power. But if we are not ashamed, it is the very power of God (Rom 1:17).

Rom 5:7-8 — He went to death for us.