

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)
2016
Text: Matthew 6:1-4

21 February

CHARITABLE DEEDS

1. The practice of charitable deeds

- a) This was commanded
Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- b) "Open your hand"
15:8, 11 Deuteronomy
- c) "Willingly lend him sufficient for his need"
Deuteronomy 15: 8
- d) "Your heart should not be grieved when you give to him"
Deuteronomy 15:10
- e) "The LORD your God will bless you in all your works"
15:10 Deuteronomy
- f) "The poor will never cease from the land"
15:11 Deuteronomy

2. The degeneration of this practice in the days of Jesus

- a) Doing charitable deeds before men
6:1 Matthew
- b) Seeking to be seen by people
Matthew 6:1
- c) Seeking reward
6:1 Matthew
- d) The sounding of the trumpet
Matthew 6:2
- e) The hypocrisy exposed
6:2 Matthew

3. The true and correct practice

- a) Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing
6:3 Matthew

- b) That your charitable deed may be done in secret
6:4 Matthew
- c) Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly
6:4 Matthew

THE PRACTICE OF CHARITABLE DEEDS IN THE NT ERA

1. Jerusalem Church Acts 2:45
 - a) Sold possessions and goods
 - b) Divided them among all, as anyone had need
2. Sending relief to Jerusalem Acts 11:27-30
 - a) Famine in Judea predicted
 - b) Brethren in Antioch, Syria sent relief through Barnabas and Paul
3. Caring for Widows 1 Timothy 5
4. Maintaining of good works Titus 3:8