

What's Happening in Sunday School?

Our lessons this week focus on charity and social justice, being directed almost exclusively at the rich and their responsibility to the poor. In the Old Testament reading we have Amos reprimanding the wealthy in Israel who have become complacent with their status. He then predicts their capture and subsequent exile by the Assyrians due to their disregard for God and their fellow man.

The psalm illustrates those whom the Lord cares for, most notably the poor, the oppressed, and the most vulnerable in society. It is those who are most dependent on God who will receive His blessings which are eternal.

The epistle lesson exhorts those who are rich to be generous and that by their generosity they are storing up treasure in heaven. They are to realize that there is no certainty when it comes to earthy possessions but the riches of God are certain.

In our Gospel reading we have the story of the rich man and Lazarus, a parable illustrating the eternal consequences of a life of careless luxury compared to the life of the poor. The dialogue between Abraham and the rich man drives home the point that the scriptures have always been clear about how the people of Israel were to treat the poor.

We will be using these lessons to focus on the Works of Mercy as traditionally defined by the church, covering the corporal works with the younger students and moving into both corporal and spiritual works for the junior and senior high students.

Digging Deeper

What are the Works of Mercy as traditionally defined (pre-k through elementary know one list, Jr. and Sr. High know two)?

What are some ways your family can perform various Works of Mercy?

Why is charity important for Christians?

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Works of Mercy

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