

Texts for Scriptural Reasoning

Charitable Giving

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Deuteronomy 16:20

20 Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Leviticus 19:9-11

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

Leviticus 25:35

35 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner*; that he may live with thee.

Deuteronomy 15:4, 7-11

4 Howbeit there shall be no needy among you--for the LORD will surely bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it—

7 If there be among you a needy man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy needy brother;

8 but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wanteth.

דברים טז: כ

כ צדק צדק, תרדף--למען תחיה וירשת את-הארץ, אשר-יהנה אלהיך נתן לך. {ס}

רויקא יט: ט-יא

ט ובקצרכם את-קציר ארצכם, לא תכלה פאת שדך לקצר; ולקט קצירך, לא תלקט.

י וכרמך לא תעולל, ופרט פרמך לא תלקט: לעני ולגר תעזב אתם, אני יהנה אלהיכם.

יא לא, תגנבו; ולא-תכחשו ולא-תשקרו, איש בעמיתו.

רויקא כה: לה

לה וכי-גמוך אחיך, ומטה ידו עמך-- והחזקת בו, גר ותושב נחי עמך.

דברים טו: ד ז-יא

ד אפס, כי לא יהיה בך אביון: כי-ברך יברכך, יהנה, בארץ, אשר יהנה אלהיך נתן-לך נחלה לרשתה.

ז כי-יהיה בך אביון מאחד אחיך, באחד שעריך, בארצך, אשר-יהנה אלהיך נתן לך--לא תאמץ את-לבבך, ולא תקפץ את-יך, מאחיד, האביון.
ח כי-פתח תפתח את-יך, לו; והעבט, תעביטנו, די מחסרו, אשר יחסר לו.

9 Beware that there be not a base thought in thy heart, saying: 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand'; and thine eye be evil against thy needy brother, and thou give him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin in thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing the LORD thy God will bless thee in all thy work, and in all that thou putteth thy hand unto.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying: 'Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy poor and needy brother, in thy land.' {S}

Daniel 4:24

24 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by almsgiving, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may be a lengthening of thy prosperity.'

Zechariah 8:8

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. {S}

Malachi 3:20

20 But unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall.

ט השָׁמֹר לֶךָ פֶּן-יְהִיָּה דְבַר עִם-לִבְבְּךָ בְּלִיעֵל לְאֹמֵר, קִרְבָּה שְׁנַת-הַשְּׁבַע שְׁנַת הַשְּׁמִטָּה, וְרָעָה עֵינֶיךָ בְּאָחִיךָ הָאָבִיוֹן, וְלֹא תִתֵּן לוֹ; וְקָרָא עָלֶיךָ אֶל-יְהוָה, וְהָיָה בְּךָ חֲטָא.

י נָתַתָּה וְתָתַן לוֹ, וְלֹא-יָרַע לְבָבְךָ בְּתִתֶנּוּ לוֹ: כִּי בְגַלְלֵה הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה, יִבְרַכְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכֹל-מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וּבְכֹל מַשְׁלַח יָדְךָ. **יא** כִּי לֹא-יִחַדֵּל אָבִיוֹן, מִקְרֹב הָאָרֶץ; עַל-כֵּן אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ, לְאֹמֵר, פְּתַח תִּפְתָּח אֶת-יָדְךָ לְאָחִיךָ לְעֹנֶיךָ וּלְאֲבִינֶךָ, בְּאַרְצְךָ. {ס}

דניאל ד: כד

כד לָהּ מֶלֶכָא, מַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲלֶיךָ (עֲלֶיךָ), וְחֲטִיךָ (וְחֲטִיךָ) בְּצַדִּיקָה פְּרִיקָה, וְעֹנֵיךָ בְּמַחֵן עֲנִיו; הוּא תִהְיֶה אֲרָכָה, לְשָׁלוֹתְךָ

זכריה ח: ח

ח וְהִבֵּאתִי אֹתְכֶם, וְשָׁכְנוּ בְּתוֹךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם; וְהָיוּ-לִי לְעָם, וְאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לְאֱלֹהִים--בְּאַמֻּת, וּבְצַדִּיקָה. {ס}

מלאכי ג: כ

כ וְזָרְחָה לָכֶם יְרֵאֵי שָׁמַי, שֶׁמֶשׁ צַדִּיקָה, וּמִרְפָּא, בְּכַנְפֶיהָ; וַיִּצְאֲתֶם וּפְשָׁתֶם, כְּעֹגְלֵי מִרְבֵּק.

2 Corinthians 8:24-9:15

^{8:24} So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

^{9:1} Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, ² for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³ But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴

Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated- to say nothing of you- for being so confident.

⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. ⁶

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Τὴν οὖν ἔνδειξιν τῆς ἀγάπης ὑμῶν καὶ ἡμῶν καυχῆσεως ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν εἰς αὐτοὺς ἐνδεικνύμενοι εἰς πρόσωπον τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν.

¹ Περὶ μὲν γὰρ τῆς διακονίας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους περισσόν μοί ἐστιν τὸ γράφειν ὑμῖν. ² οἶδα γὰρ τὴν προθυμίαν ὑμῶν ἢν ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν καυχῶμαι Μακεδόσιν, ὅτι Ἀχαΐα παρεσκεύασται ἀπὸ πέρυσι, καὶ τὸ ὑμῶν ζῆλος ἠρέθισεν τοὺς πλείονας. ³ ἔπεμψα δὲ τοὺς ἀδελφούς, ἵνα μὴ τὸ καύχημα ἡμῶν τὸ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν κενωθῆ ἔν τῷ μέρει τούτῳ, ἵνα καθὼς ἔλεγον παρεσκευασμένοι ἦτε, ⁴ μὴ πως ἔαν ἔλθωσιν σὺν ἐμοὶ Μακεδόνες καὶ εὕρωσιν ὑμᾶς ἀπαρασκευάστους καταισχυθῶμεν ἡμεῖς, ἵνα μὴ λέγω ὑμεῖς, ἐν τῇ ὑποστάσει ταύτῃ. ⁵ ἀναγκαῖον οὖν ἠγησάμην παρακαλέσαι τοὺς ἀδελφούς, ἵνα προέλθωσιν εἰς ὑμᾶς καὶ προκαταρτίσωσιν τὴν προεπηγγελμένην εὐλογίαν ὑμῶν, ταύτην ἐτοίμην εἶναι οὕτως ὡς εὐλογίαν καὶ μὴ ὡς πλεονεξίαν. ⁶ Τοῦτο δέ, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ⁷ ἕκαστος καθὼς προήρηται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. ⁸ δυνατεῖ δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν ἀυτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, ⁹ καθὼς γέγραπται· ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν, ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ¹⁰ ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπόρον τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρώσιν χορηγήσει καὶ πληθυνεῖ τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσει τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν. ¹¹ ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ. ¹² ὅτι ἡ διακονία τῆς λειτουργίας ταύτης οὐ μόνον ἐστὶν προσαναπληροῦσα τὰ ὑστερήματα τῶν ἁγίων, ἀλλὰ καὶ περισσεύουσα διὰ πολλῶν εὐχαριστιῶν τῷ θεῷ.

¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Mark 12:41-44

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

¹³ διὰ τῆς δοκιμῆς τῆς διακονίας ταύτης δοξάζοντες τὸν θεὸν ἐπὶ τῇ ὑποταγῇ τῆς ὁμολογίας ὑμῶν εἰς τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ ἀπλότητι τῆς κοινωνίας εἰς αὐτοὺς καὶ εἰς πάντας, ¹⁴ καὶ αὐτῶν δεήσει ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐπιποθούντων ὑμᾶς διὰ τὴν ὑπερβάλλουσαν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐφ' ὑμῖν. ¹⁵ Χάρις τῷ θεῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἀνεκδιηγῆτῳ αὐτοῦ δωρεᾷ.

⁴¹ Καὶ καθίσας κατέναντι τοῦ γαζοφυλακίου ἐθεώρει πῶς ὁ ὄχλος βάλλει χαλκὸν εἰς τὸ γαζοφυλάκιον. καὶ πολλοὶ πλούσιοι ἔβαλλον πολλά· ⁴² καὶ ἐλθοῦσα μία χήρα πτωχὴ ἔβαλεν λεπτὰ δύο, ὃ ἐστὶν κοδράντης. ⁴³ καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἡ χήρα αὕτη ἢ πτωχὴ πλεῖον πάντων ἔβαλεν τῶν βαλλόντων εἰς τὸ γαζοφυλάκιον· ⁴⁴ πάντες γὰρ ἐκ τοῦ περισσεύοντος αὐτοῖς ἔβαλον, αὕτη δὲ ἐκ τῆς ὑστερήσεως αὐτῆς πάντα ὅσα εἶχεν ἔβαλεν ὅλον τὸν βίον αὐτῆς.

سورة التوبة 34-35

Repentance 9:34-35

And there are those among the priests and rabbis who hoard gold and silver and do not spend it in the way of Allah, announce to them a most grievous penalty (when) on the Day of Judgment heat will be produced out of that wealth in the fire of Hell. Then with it they will be branded on their forehead and their flanks and backs. (It will be said to them) This is the treasure which you hoarded for yourselves, taste then the treasure that you have been hoarding.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْأَحْبَارِ
وَالرُّهْبَانِ لِيَآكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ
وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنِزُونَ
الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا ينفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ 34 يَوْمَ يُحْمَى
عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَتَكْوَى بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ
وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ هَذَا مَا كَنَزْتُمْ
لِأَنفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْنِزُونَ 35

The Heifer 2:215

They ask you what they should spend, say: "What you spend out of goodness should go to your family and the relatives and the orphans, and the needy, and the wayfarer. And any good you do, God is fully aware of it."

سورة البقرة 215

يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنفِقُونَ قُلْ مَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِّنْ
خَيْرٍ فَلِللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ وَالْيَتَامَى
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَأَبْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ
خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ 215

The Heifer 2:264

O you who believe, do not nullify your charities with insult and harm; like the one who spends his money in vanity to show the people, and he does not believe in God and the Last Day. His example is like a stone on which there is dust, then it is subjected to heavy rain which leaves it bare. They cannot do anything with what they earned; and God does not guide the rejecting people.

سورة البقرة 264

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ
بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى كَالَّذِي يُنفِقُ مَالَهُ رِثَاءَ
النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَمَثَلُهُ
كَمَثَلِ صَفْوَانٍ عَلَيْهِ تُرَابٌ فَأَصَابَهُ وَابِلٌ
فَتَرَكَهُ صَلْدًا لَا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِّمَّا
كَسَبُوا وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ

The Heifer 2:265

And the example of those who spend their money seeking God's grace, and to save their souls, is like the example of a garden that is on a high ground and is subjected to a heavy rain, and because of that it produces double its crop. And if no heavy rain comes, then light rain is enough. And God is Seer over all you do.

The Heifer 2:267

O you who believe, spend from the good things that you have earned, and from what We have brought forth from the Earth. And do not select the rotten out of it to give, while you would not take it yourselves unless you close your eyes regarding it. And know that God is Rich, Praiseworthy.

The Heifer 2:271

If you openly give charity, then it is acceptable; but if you conceal it and give it to the poor, then that is better for you. And He cancels some of your sins; and God is Expert to all that you do.

سورة البقرة 264

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمُ ابْتِغَاءَ
مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيتًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ
جَنَّةٍ بَرْبَوَّةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكُلَهَا
ضِعْفَيْنِ فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِيبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ وَاللَّهُ
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ 264

سورة البقرة 267

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا
كَسَبْتُمْ وَمِمَّا أَخْرَجْنَا لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ
وَلَا تَيَمَّمُوا الْخَبِيثَ مِنْهُ تُنْفِقُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ
بِآخِذِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْ تُغْمِضُوا فِيهِ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ
اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ 267

سورة البقرة 271

إِن تُبَدُّوا الصَّدَقَاتِ فَنِعِمَّا هِيَ وَإِن
تُخْفُواهَا وَتُؤْتُوهَا الْفُقَرَاءَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ
وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا
تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ 271