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- **Benevolence (Acts 4:32-37; 11:27-30)**



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**1 Timothy 5:16**



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“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

- Galatians 6:10



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“He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”

- Ephesians 4:28



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“But whoever has the world's goods, and **sees his brother in need** and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

- 1 John 3:17



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“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: **to visit orphans and widows in their distress**, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

- James 1:27



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- **Local church leaders are to distribute the relief.**



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- **It should impact how we view the local church's responsibility to the world**



# PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER

- Why are you a member of the church of Christ?
- To whom is the local church important?
- What is the church's responsibility?
- Can we trust the canon?
- How does God give instructions?
- What do we do when God is silent about an issue?
- When does a person reach the age of accountability?
- What happens when we die?

