

Luke 6:32-34

But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

When you read these three verses, you may notice that Jesus says three times “*even sinners*” referring to what believers do, and what nonbelievers do.

- † *even sinners love those who love them*
- † *if you do good to those who do good to you. For even sinners do the same*
- † *even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.*

Yet how many times does the church try to imitate the world, even with giving and doing for others, and their justification is that they are trying to win the world to Jesus. Yet, how many stories do you read on social media or see on the news how a nonbeliever goes over and above to help those in need, while the church, or most Christians sit back and watch the world helping others.

We as the Church should be outdoing the world by leaps and bounds, not just when there is a pandemic or other disaster, but all the time. But sad to say, so many times the church struggles to keep up with the world and how they are helping one another.

Now I know that the churches are helping out, and some of you are doing for others, but how many are not? It is said the only 10% of the people in the church tithe or even do in the church, and if everyone in the church tithed, there would be no more hunger or homelessness, because the church would have so much that they could help everyone around the world, not just in the USA.

I don't know about you, but I want to live Jesus' words when He said:

- † **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

I want the Lord to be glorified by the things I do, and I want even more for the Lord to be glorified by what the Church does, and if we don't then we are allowing the world to get the glory for all they do, and the Lord get's little glory because we are allowing the world to out do us. And if they do it because they care about others, how much more should we do it out of love for others, saved or not?

† **James 2:15-16** *If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?*

Don't just pray for the needs of others, but also take part in giving to the needs of others.

† **John 15:8** *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

† **John 14:12-13** *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*