



Prayer Journal

DAY 6

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.”

Proverbs 19:17

When we often think about the poor, we think about those who are poor in finances. And while God wants us to care for those poor in finances, I believe it also requires us to look at something we don't always consider: the inner person. Is this person poor in spirit? Lacking in hope? How can we help them have more hope? Are they poor in faith? How can we help their faith? How can we add to their joy? How can we add to their peace? Love? Kindness? We can give money or other needed items, and that seems easy to do because we can just give that portion and be done. We feel good that we've helped meet that need, but looking beyond the material needs to a person's spiritual or emotional needs sometimes requires us to walk alongside someone. We should be available emotionally, and it requires us to invest our time in them. While that can seem like a daunting task, like one more thing to add to our plate, we should look to Jesus. What did Jesus do? His actions were certainly not self-centered. Proverbs 19: 17 reminds us to look deeper. We are lending to God, and God is faithful.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, remind us to be kind to the poor – poor in finances, poor in spirit, poor in hope. Remind us to look deeper and to lend of ourselves in the areas where you show us need. Help us to walk alongside these people and to be willing to invest our time in them. Remind us to look to you and ask: “What would Jesus do?” Because Proverbs 19:17 tells us that if we lend to the poor you, you will reward us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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