

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1017: Who and What Should a Christian Support?

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See:  **CQ.Rewind**  
SHOW NOTES

1. What was the Old Testament Law regarding giving to the poor? Who are “the poor” in this passage? What attitude did God expect from the giver? (See Deuteronomy 15:7-11)
2. Explain Jesus’ comment after Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume a few days before his crucifixion. What was the biblical mandate on the treatment of the poor? (See John 12:4-5, 7-8, Matthew 26:13)
3. What was the deeper meaning in Jesus’ advice to the rich young ruler who asked him about eternal life? Was the goal of the Law to eliminate poverty? Does God expect us to sell all our possessions and give everything indiscriminately to the poor? How do we know? (See Mark 10:18-22)
4. What is God’s plan for the ultimate solution to poverty? What are effective ways to show Christlike compassion to people in need?
5. What should be the Christian attitude towards animals and the natural world? What is the responsibility of “having dominion” over God’s creation? How can we help to support animals in the context of our Christianity? (See Genesis 9:1-3, Exodus 23:10-12, Psalms 50:10-12)
6. What is the primary purpose of the followers of Jesus? Why should we guard against becoming consumed by worldly issues and problems? (See 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
7. Explain the biblical concepts of stewardship and sound doctrine. How should we as Christians employ these concepts in our daily lives? (See Titus 2:1-8)
8. How is supporting our fellow Christians as defined in the New Testament different from supporting outside charities? What is the first principle of giving to the brotherhood? Explain how Abraham Lincoln put into practice this principle in dealing with his step-brother. (See Ephesians 4:27-28, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13)
9. What is the second principle of giving to the brotherhood? Give practical suggestions for applying this principle. (See Romans 12:10-14)
10. Explain the third principle of giving to the brotherhood. How can our giving within the brotherhood benefit us as well as the recipient? (See 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 12-15)
11. Where should the focus be for Christian giving? How will you focus your time and talents in terms of what you are giving to and supporting? (See 1 John 3:16-18)
12. What types of non-financial support can we give to our fellow Christians if we see that they are going in the wrong direction spiritually or if they are experiencing a difficult trial? How should we examine our own hearts as we attempt to help others? What is the greatest charity we can give one another? (James 5:16, Galatians 6:1-5, 7-10)