



# Lessons for Life

**My Compassion**  
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“Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.” Matthew 6:19-20 (GW)

## HOW TO STORE UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN ...

### 1. My Compassion For Those Who **SUFFER**

“When you put on a dinner, don’t invite your friends, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will repay you by inviting you back. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then, at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.” Luke 14:12-14 (TLB)

God Commands Us to Care About...

- **HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**

“Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear.” Isaiah 58:7 (GNT)

- ORPHANS AND WIDOWS

“What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering.” James 1:27 (GNT)

- PRISONERS

“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)

- SICK AND AFFLICTED

“You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured.” Ezekiel 34:4 (NIV)

**Become AWARE !!!**

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## 2. My Commitment To Make A DIFFERENCE

“Our love should not just be words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.” 1 John 3:18 (GNT)

“Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, ‘God bless you; stay warm and eat well!’ —but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?” James 2:15-16 (NLT)

“Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” Mark 8:35 (TLB)

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.” Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

## Give SOMETHING Back !!!

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### 3. My Willingness To SHARE What I Have

“Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

“When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back.” Proverbs 19:17 (GNT)

“When you happen on someone who's in trouble or needs help... don't look the other way pretending you don't see him. Don't keep a tight grip on your purse...Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures.” Deuteronomy 15:7-10 (MSG)

### What Triggers God's Blessings?

CARING

DARING

SHARING

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