

JESUS

FOR LIFE

Jesus On Purpose

Bringing Good News To The Poor

Luke 4:16-21 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

**He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,**

¹⁹ **to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



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World: 8% lives on less than \$2 a day

USA: 10.5% (49,7000,000) below the poverty line

City of St. Louis: 20% (60,000) below the poverty line

St. Louis County: 10% (100,000) below the poverty line



Luke 6:17-26 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.



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²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



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Invitation

Moving yourself towards Jesus

Examine your heart. How do you feel toward people who are poor and how do you feel about loving and giving to the poor?

Talk to God about it.

Moving others towards Jesus

Begin praying and looking for ways to love and be generous to those who are poor.

