

# Scripture Guide to Justice

## OLD TESTAMENT

Gn 4:9-10	Am I my brother's keeper?	Is 5:1-7	God's people produce the bitter fruit of injustice.
Ex 3:1-20	God reveals Himself as liberator; sends Moses to free His people from economic and political oppression.	Is 5:8-9	Woe to those who hoard riches.
Ex 6:2-13	God the liberator.	Is 10:1-2	Bad legislators; denial of human rights.
Ex 22:20-24	Justice and mercy toward stranger, orphan, widow.	Is 29:13	Change of heart requires more than lip service.
Ex 22:25-27	Mercy and kindness toward neighbor.	Is 32:16-17	Justice will bring peace.
Ex 23:9	Don't oppress strangers.	Is 58:1-12	God doesn't want empty worship or meaningless religious exercises. He wants conversion of heart that produces justice, love, and mercy.
Lv 19:9-15	Treat your neighbor with justice and mercy.	Is 61:1-2	Mission of Christ foretold, good news to the poor; liberation.
Lv 19:23-24	Don't oppress strangers.	Jer 6:13-16	They cry, "Peace!" but there is none.
Lv 25:23-38	The land belongs to the Lord. You are strangers and guests.	Jer 6:19-20	Worship is not acceptable without obedience.
Dt 10:16-20	Don't oppress strangers.	Jer 7:1-11	The temple is no haven for evildoers.
Dt 15:4	Let there be no poor among you.	Jer 22:3	Rescue the victim from the oppressor.
Dt 24:17-22	Justice towards strangers, orphans, widows.	Jer 22:16	To know the Lord is to act justly.
Dt 27:19	Don't oppress strangers.	Ez 34	Responsibilities of leaders and authorities – religious, civil, business, labor, etc.
Dt 30	Choose life. A nation that chooses the Lord chooses Life!	Ez 37	The "dry bones" of the Church and our communities and nation can be renewed by the Holy Spirit.
1 Sm 15:22	Excessive formalism vs. obedience to God.	Dn 9:1-19	The nation is called to repent.
Tb 4:16-17	Treat others as you would be treated.	Hos 6:6	Love not empty worship.
Jb 1:21	"Naked I came from my mother's womb, naked I shall return."	Am 2:6-7	The unjust trample on the heads of ordinary people.
Ps 9:9	Strength for the oppressed; justice toward all.	Am 5:14-15	Establish justice.
Ps 34:6-18	The Lord hears and protects the just.	Am 5:21-24	God does not want empty, meaningless religion exercises, but rather worship that expresses true conversion and renewal that produces justice.
Ps 41:1-3	Regard for the lowly and the poor.	Am 6:1,3-6	Woe to the complacent and oppressive rich.
PS 72	God liberates and defends the poor and oppressed. Justice flourishes in his day.	Am 8:4-7	The powerful trample on the poor and needy.
Ps 82	No more mockery of justice.	Mi 2:1-2	Woe to the oppressor.
Ps 103	"Yahweh is always on the side of the oppressed." We should be too.	Mi 6:8	Act justly
PS 146:6-9	The Lord give justice and liberty.	Mi 6:9-14	Dishonesty condemned.
Prv 21:3	Justice is more pleasing than sacrifice.	Hb 2:6-9	Trouble will come to those who exploit.
Prv 21:13	Listen to the poor.	Zec 7:9-10	Justice
Prv 22:22-23	Do not rob or injure the poor.		
Prv 31:8-9	Be an advocate for the voiceless.		
Eccl 4:1-3	The power of the oppressors and the weak.		
Sir 3:30; 4:11	Charity towards the poor.		
Is 1:10-28	Religious hypocrisy, its punishment and cure.		
Is 2:1-5	Turn swords into ploughshares.		
Is 3:13-15	Grinding the face of the poor.		
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Mt 5:23-25	Forgiveness and reconciliation	Jn14:10-17	You will do the same and greater works through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Mt 5:38-48	Give your coat. Walk the extra mile.	Jn 14:12	Christ empowers us to continue his mission.
Mt 6:19-21	Your heart is where your treasurer is.	Jn 16:33	Christ has overcome the world; through Him we shall overcome.
Mt 6:25-34	Set your hearts on His kingdom first.	Acts 1:4	The power we need to do Christ's work.
Mt 7:21	Combine prayer with action.	Acts 1:6-8	Our job is to be Christ's witness.
Mt 8:20	Christ lived in poverty.	Acts 2:43-47	The parish shared everything.
Mt 10:37-39	Take up your cross daily; lose life to gain life.	Acts 5:12-16	No one was in need.
Mt 11:2-6	The signs for recognizing the Messiah and His followers today.	Acts 4:18-22	Obey God rather than man.
Mt 12:46-50	Do God's will.	Acts 4:32-35	True Christian community.
Mt 15:32	Compassion and a sense of responsibility.	Acts 6:1-6	Deacons appointed for service.
Mt 20:26-28	Christians must be servants.	Acts 10:34-35	God shows more favoritism
Mt 23:11	Be a servant.	Acts 16:16-24,17:1-9	At times, being a Christian means disturbing the status quo.
Mt 23:23-24	Don't neglect justice and mercy.	Rom 8:14-17	We have been given a spirit of freedom, not slavery.
Mt 25:31-46	Christ is identified with all people. Whatever we do to our neighbor we do to Christ.	Rom 12:10-18	Make hospitality your special care; make friends with the poor.
Mk 6:30-37	"Give them something to eat yourselves."	Rom 13:8-10	Our only debt is to love one another.
Mk 9:35; 10:41-45	To be first before God, be a servant.	Rom 14:17-19	The kingdom is justice, peace and joy.
Mk 10:17-31	The rich young man refuses invitation to voluntary poverty.	2 Cor 6:6	The qualities of a servant.
Lk 1:52-53	God exalts the poor and lowers the rich.	2 Cor 8:1-15	On sharing with the needy; Christ became poor to enrich us.
Lk 3:10-18	Sharing is the Christian way. John the Baptist's call to share extra clothing, food; for honesty in work (business, law enforcement)	Gal 3:28	There are no distinctions. All are one in Christ.
Lk 4:16-30	Jesus announces that his mission is to liberate people and gets expelled from His hometown.	Gal 5:1	You have been called to live in freedom.
Lk 6:20-26	Beatitudes, condemnation of oppressive and complacent rich.	Gal 5:13-15	Use your freedom to serve others. Love fulfills the law.
Lk 6:27-35	Make peace through nonviolence and love of enemies.	Gal 5:22-23	The fruits of the Holy Spirit.
Lk 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan	Gal 6:2	Bare one another's burdens.
Lk 11:40-42	Phariseeism. We need justice and love.	1 Cor 12:7-11	The gifts of the Holy Spirit are tools for building Christian Community
Lk 12:13-21	A man's worth is not determined by how much he owns.	1 Cor 12:24-26	If one suffers, all suffer.
Lk 12:33	Sell and give alms.	1 Cor 13	Love as the Christian life style.
Lk 14:7-14	Humility and hospitality.	2 Cor 4:7	God's power working in and through us.
Lk 15:1-3	Jesus associated with the outcasts of society.	Eph 4:11-16	The base for ministry is the community. The individual alone is weak. The community has the power of Christ's Spirit.
Lk16:19-31	The story of Lazarus and the rich man.	Eph 4:23-24	Put aside old misdirected ways for a new, fresh way of thinking.
Lk 19:7-9	Conversion, repentance, and restitution.	Phil 2:1-11	Unity and service; be a servant like Christ.
Lk 19:41	Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Does he weep over our cities?	Col 3:10-12	On racial discrimination.
Lk 22:24-27	Be a servant.	Col 3:17	Do all in Christ's name
Lk 24:49	Christ empowers us to continue his work.	1 Tm 6:17-19	Tell the rich not to be proud.
Jn 6:5-13	Christ feeds the hungry	Heb 10:24-25	Concern in Christian Community.
Jn 10:1-18	Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life for us and calls us to lay down our lives for one another.	1 Thes 5:12-18	The demands of community life.
Jn 13:1-15	Jesus, the Suffering Servant, washes the feet of the apostles. Invites us to do the same.	1 Tm 6:7-10	Love of money is the root of all-evil.
Jn 13:34-35	Love: the distinctive characteristic of the Christian.	Jas 1:22-27	Be doers, not only hearers of the word.
		Jas 2	We must practice what we believe and preach.