



Do Justice

“In Deed and In Truth”

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James 2:14-17

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



Matthew 25:31-40

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



Galatians 2:9-10

⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.



Luke 14:12-14

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”



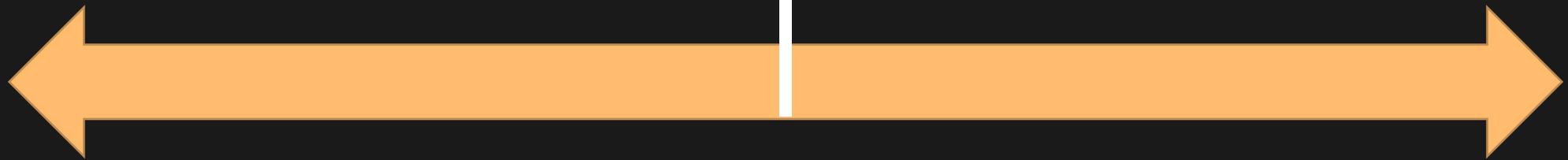
James 2:5-7

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?



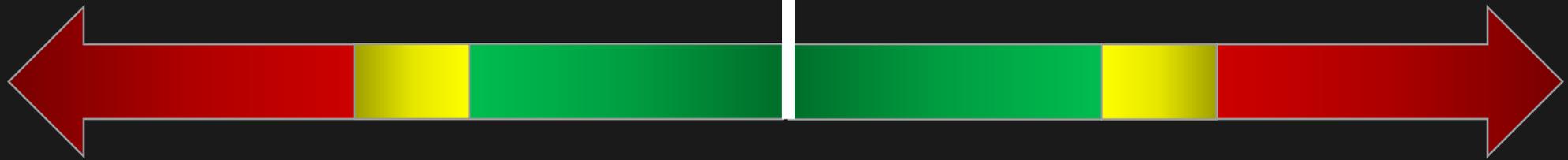
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Healthy Core Building

1. Provides clarity when it comes to standards and values



Psalm 119

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.



Healthy Core Building

1. Provides clarity when it comes to standards and values
2. Directs and focuses affections and energies in a meaningful and fruitful way



Proverbs 31:28-29

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”



1 Timothy 3:4-5

⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?



Healthy Core Building

1. Provides clarity when it comes to standards and values
2. Directs and focuses affections and energies in a meaningful and fruitful way
 - Creates an acknowledgement of and respect for distinct cultures



Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands...



Unhealthy Core Building

1. Lacks awareness of how difficult it is to feel like an outsider and neglects to intentionally welcome
2. Fails to proactively care for the outsider



INCLUSION

- 1. Subjective
- 2. Deconstructive

- 1. Empathetic
- 2. Active

- 1. Objective/
Biblical
- 2. Community
-building

- 1. Indifferent/
Inhospitable
- 2. Inactive

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What should we do?

1. Support the hurting in our own church family

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



What should we do?

1. Support the hurting in our own church family
2. Show radical hospitality
3. Take intentional steps into marginalized subcultures in our community and beyond



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