

Christian Sunday Live!

**WHAT IS CHARITY?
WHAT IS YOUR
UNDERSTANDING OF
CHARITY?**

Christian Sunday Podcast

- ❑ Let step into the sanctum of spiritual enlightenment. This Live Podcast is where we explore the wisdom of the scriptures together.
- ❑ I'm your host Charles Kpodzo, your Bible Teacher. Join us, as we embark on a journey of spiritual understanding and enlightenment in the presence of our the LORD Jesus!





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WHAT IS CHARITY? HOW IS THE WORLD (CANAL) UNDERSTANDING OF CHARITY?

- ❑ Definition of Charity by worldly people and most Christians is simply the act of voluntarily giving help, typically in the form of money, to the less privileged.
- ❑ Some set up institutions or groups that engaged in relief efforts to help the poor. They achieve this by raising funds from the benevolence of others.
- ❑ Some also consider charity as a gift of public benevolence towards the needy or humanity.



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- ❑ In other words, it is a gift of goodwill of lenient judgment towards humanity, giving aid to the poor and suffering from individuals, groups, or institutions in their quest to show love and be seen to be doing well.
- ❑ In most cases, many engaged in charity work for the wrong incentives such as; resurrecting public image, publicity, winning cheap popularity, government subsidies, and tax write-offs. Most people like the public and the camera when they give to the poor.



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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN DEFINITION OF CHARITY ?

- charity is the highest form of spiritual love by the definition of the Bible.
- It is the simplest form of Christian virtue, but very complex in what it entails.

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- 1) It signifies the reciprocity of God's love for us
- 2) Above all things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness Col. 3:14

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- 1) And above all things have fervent charity among yourself; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins 1Peter 4:8**
- 2) Let all your things be done with charity. 1Cor. 16:14**
- 3) That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate sound in faith, in charity, in patience Titus 2:2**
- 4) Follow after charity and desire a spiritual gift, but rather that ye may prophesy 1 Cor. 14:1**

HOW TO PRACTICE CHARITY!

There are Two dimensions of charity

❑ Vertical dimension (God Almighty)

❑ Horizontal dimension - How to practice Charity towards the fellow human beings

VERTICAL DIMENSIONS OF CHARITY

1 Corinthians 13:1 (KJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (KJV) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

VERTICAL DIMENSIONS OF CHARITY

1 Corinthians 13:3 (KJV) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (KJV) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

VERTICAL DIMENSIONS OF CHARITY

- ❑ **1 Corinthians 13:5 (KJV) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;**
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 13:6 (KJV) Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;**
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 13:7 (KJV) Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**

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- ❑ **1 Corinthians 13:8 (KJV) Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.**
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

VERTICAL DIMENSIONS OF CHARITY

❑ Vertical dimension (God Almighty) love -obedience to the word of God is the true sign of love to God Almighty. Keeping his commandments in obedience to the Word of God is how you build treasurer in heaven as in the following:

Word of God is how you build treasurer in heaven as in the following:

- ❑ Deuteronomy 11:1
- ❑ John 15:9
- ❑ 2 Corinthians 10:5
- ❑ Ephesians 6:1-3
- ❑ Rev. 14:12
- ❑ Hebrew 13:17
- ❑ Rom. 1:5

Horizontal dimensions of charity

- The poor
- Defending the truth
- The needy
- A stranger
- The destitute

HOW CHARITY CAN GET YOU TO HEAVEN

- ❑ The scripture clearly told us how to cater to the need of those in power or those who teach us how to go to heaven.
- ❑ The scripture takes into account our material needs. So if a preacher or a Teacher teaches you the Word of God, using time and energy to give you spiritual food (the Word), you are indeed indebted to him double fold
- ❑ **Romans 15:25 (KJV)** But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.
- ❑ **Romans 15:26 (KJV)** For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.
- ❑ **Romans 15:27 (KJV)** It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

TO BUILD TREASURE IN HEAVEN

In order to build treasure in heaven, a child of God must fulfill both the Horizontal and Vertical dimensions of charity

- ❑ **2 Corinthians 9:6 (KJV)** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
- ❑ **2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
- ❑ **2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV)** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

What did Jesus said about building treasure in heaven

- ❑ **Matthew 19:21 (KJV)** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
- ❑ **Matthew 6:20 (KJV)** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- ❑ **Matthew 6:19 (KJV)** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

What form should your Charity Be?

- ❑ Is money the motive to preach the gospel?
- ❑ Do you give to men of god only to store treasure in heaven or to gain God's blessings?

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- ❑ I'm sure you have heard this part of the sermon preached over and over in your churches. Most preachers because of their carnal interest in receiving from me and you, talks about giving to them.
- ❑ But if you study the word of God in truth and in spirit, you will be able to understand purposefully what the scripture is saying to you is not only what to give in Church places.
- ❑ Being Charitable to the need of both your spiritual leaders as well as those sitting next to you in the pew,
- ❑ Also those outside the Church as re in need of your love and support.
- ❑ Let take a look at this Bible reference:
It is true according to the gospel according to Paul's Letters to **Corinthians, Philipians & Thessalonians.**

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- ❑ According to the Word of God (Scripture), charity is a form of love that is motivated by the Holy Spirit and directed towards God and our neighbor or another person. Not only those who you know and liked.
- ❑ Charity is not only about giving material aid to those in need, but also about showing kindness, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and generosity to everyone, even to our enemies.
- ❑ Charity is also about serving God and others, especially the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and the marginalized.

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- ❑ Some of the spiritual forms that charity can take according to the Bible are:
- ❑ Praying for others, especially for those who persecute us or harm us.
- ❑ Jesus taught us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

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- ❑ Sharing the gospel with others, especially with those who do not know Christ or have rejected Him.
- ❑ Jesus commanded us to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).
- ❑ Forgiving others, especially those who have sinned against us or hurt us.
- ❑ Our Jesus taught us how to pray and one element is forgiveness: "forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

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- ❑ Forgiving others is a way of showing our love and mercy for them, and imitating God's forgiveness for us.
- ❑ Serving others, especially those who are in need or suffering. Jesus commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Serving others is a way of showing our love and compassion for them, and following Christ's footsteps in service to mankind.

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Charity also denotes:

- ❑ Giving to others, especially to those who are poor or lack resources. Jesus taught us to "give to the one who begs from you" (Matthew 5:42).
- ❑ Giving to others is a way of showing our love and generosity for them, and sharing what God has given us.
- ❑ Charity is not only a virtue, but also a gift from God that enables us to love Him and our neighbor as ourselves.

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- ❑ Charity is the greatest of the theological virtues (1 Corinthians 13:7). :
 1. Charity bears all things
 2. believes all things
 3. hopes all things
 4. endures all things
- ❑ Charity is the essence of God's nature, because "God is love" (1 John 4:8)
- ❑ Charity I suffreth long and is kind, charity envieth not and not puffed up (boastful)
(1 Corinthians 13:4)

Charity unto the Workers in the Church

1 Corinthians 9:14 (KJV) Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV) But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

1 Corinthians 9:16 (KJV) For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

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2 Thessalonians 3:9 (KJV) Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (KJV) For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:12 (KJV) Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Acts 20:34 (KJV) Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

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Philippians 4:17 (KJV) Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

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- ❑ Philippians 4:18 (KJV) But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.
- ❑ Philippians 4:19 (KJV) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Charity is the key to the treasure in heaven

To build treasure in heaven
involves both 2 dimensions of
charity:

- ❖ Horizontal dimension
- ❖ Vertical dimension

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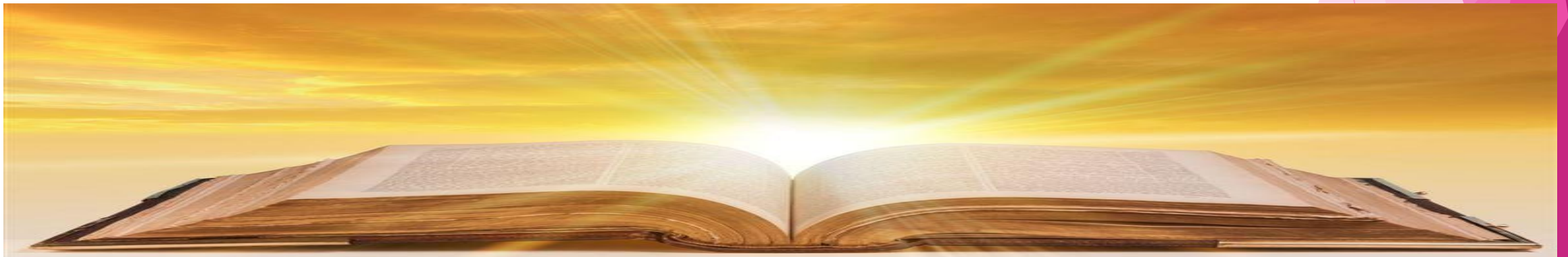
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See you next week same time.

- ▶ Remember to stay on the narrow path that leads to righteousness and Godliness
- ▶ Read your Bible, pray everyday if you want grow, obey the commandments of our Lord Jesus and shun evil companions!
- ▶ Remember God loves you!!!

