

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Luke 6:17-26

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Today's lessons are about BLESSINGS. We usually say our BLESSINGS are the many good times and the things in our life that we believe God has given us. We might say that the love of our family, our home where we live and the food on our table are blessings from God.

So isn't it odd, that our Bible lesson quotes Jesus saying "Blessed are the POOR! And Blessed are the HUNGRY? And Blessed are those who CRY"?

It is almost like "When things are at their worst is the best time to feel that God is near."

Well, you may have heard the saying "God's Work, Our Hands". When WE, your Mom or your Dad reach out to help the HUNGRY and the POOR and the HOMELESS, that is when our hands really are doing God's Work!

If a man loses his job and loses his family and gets kicked out of his apartment because he cannot pay his rent, and he might not be able to find a relative to take him into their apartment, HE would become homeless. Sometimes these people go live under a bridge, where they are a little protected from the rain and snow. This happens in Harrisburg and also it happens even in Camp Hill. Some of us might remember "Lucky".

Uncle Floyd is using HIS hands to do God's Work when he volunteers at the Homeless Shelter over in Harrisburg.

"I reckon God has blessed us with much and Jesus expects US to share what we have with those who have nothing."



Uncle Floyd knows about this because his very brother, Francis left the family, years ago, and lived out West somewhere and then Francis lost his job and stopped taking his medicine. When Francis first came to live back here in PA, he stayed in the Homeless Shelter over in Harrisburg. Finally, Francis worked up the nerve to speak to his brother, Uncle Floyd, and Uncle Floyd allowed him to sleep on the living sofa for a few weeks. That is called "Sofa Surfing". Now Francis has been BLESSED to become a part of his family again, he has his own bedroom and he sees his counselor every other week and he is taking his medicine again. AND, best of all, Francis still has his job at the Retirement Home where Mrs. Potato Head lives. Francis runs "The Extraordinary Gargantuan Indefatigable Unruly Dishwasher, Patent Pending."

Francis had nothing. Blessed are the poor, the homeless and the hungry. God's Work and Uncle Floyd's hands have truly been a blessing for Francis.

YOU can do God's work when you bring some food to donate to the Food Bank. Your Mom or Dad

can do God's work if they sign up to help at the Homeless Shelter over in Harrisburg next week. There are many ways we can use our hands to do God's work.

Let's get working!!!

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