



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I LIKE YOUR CHRIST; I DO NOT LIKE YOUR CHRISTIANS.
YOUR CHRISTIAN ARE SO UNLIKE YOUR CHRIST!

~Mahatma Gandhi

Series: *Do The Right Thing!*

WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Luke 4:14-21 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

† Psalm 25:21 CSB

- Luke 4:18-21 is a profound passage.
- It's all about liberation, justice, and transformation.

† Luke 4:14-21 NKJV

THREE THINGS WE MUST DO...

1) _____ ON THE HOLY SPIRIT’S PRODUCTIVITY! - Luke 4:14-18a NKJV

Jesus begins by emphasizing that the Spirit of the Lord is upon Him. This statement goes to the issue of being influenced by Holy Spirit, which goes beyond human effort—it's about divine guidance and strength. As believers, it's not just about what we do, but how we let God’s Spiritual values shape our actions, even in politics and social justice...*involvement*.

We Rely on the Spirit for:

- Production (*dunimas*) - Luke 4:14 NKJV; Romans 1:8-15 NKJV
- Platform - Luke 4:15 NKJV
- Practice - Luke 4:16-17 NKJV
- Position - Luke 4:18a NKJV; John 14:17 NKJV

2) _____ **TO THE NEEDS AROUND US, BIBLICALLY! - Luke 4:18b-19 NKJV**

Jesus speaks of bringing good news to the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind and the oppressed.

- This isn't just about material or physical poverty, but about addressing the lack of hope and opportunity, that people experience in marginalized communities.
- In politics, it means considering policies that uplift marginalized communities and advocate for equitable opportunities for all.

Jesus also speaks of Liberation and Restoration.

- When He talks about setting captives free and restoring sight to the blind.
- It emphasizes the importance of working towards systems that free individuals from injustice and ignorance, fostering fairness and equality...

† Proverbs 31:8-9 CSB

† Isaiah 1:16-18 NKJV

† James 1:27 NKJV

We are to **RESPOND** to the Needs of:

- The Poor
- The Brokenhearted
- The Blind
- The Oppressed

† Deuteronomy 10:17-21 NKJV

3) _____ **THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW! - Luke 4:20-21 NKJV**

Today...

† Psalm 95:7-8 NKJV

† Hebrews 3:7-8 NKJV

† Hebrews 4:7 NKJV

CONCLUSION

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

The principle are... not just abstracted notions,
but are meant to be living principles enacted through our faith.