



The Power WithEN: Enjustice

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For the Lord is righteous, *he loves justice.*

Psalm 11:7

For I, the Lord, *love justice.*

Isaiah 61:8

Injustice: When those *with the power to help the helpless choose not to, turning a blind eye to their need through inaction. This form of injustice is marked by the failure to use one's influence or resources to uphold fairness for those who cannot advocate for themselves.*

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, *he passed by on the other side.* So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, *passed by on the other side.* But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, *he took pity on him.*

He *went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.* Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and *took care of him.*

Luke 10:30-34

The bystander effect: where individuals are less likely to help in emergencies when other people are present.

“The opposite of love is not hate, it's *indifference.*”

Elie Weisel (Holocaust survivor)

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Edmund Burke

“You may choose to look the other way, *but you can never say again that you did not know.*” William Wilberforce

Metadidomi (Giving)

Haplotēs (Giving Generously)

Apodidomai (Reimburse)

“The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, *I will reimburse you* for any extra expense you may have.’”

Luke 10:35

Apodidomai: to make a payment, with the implication of such a payment being *in response to an incurred obligation.*

Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless *of justice*, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. *Remember* that you were *slaves in Egypt* and the *Lord your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.*

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

And you, who were dead in your trespasses... God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, *by canceling the record of debt that stood against us* with its legal demands. He took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

John Thornton's financial contributions enabled Wesley to publish and distribute his sermons and writings at little or no cost, broadening their reach.

The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not *produce good fruit* will be cut down and thrown into the fire." "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should *share with him who has none*, and the one who has food should do the same."

Luke 3:9-11