

“Feed the Children”

(A popular phrase but which children does Yahweh want us to feed first?)

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

We see the pictures of a child in a poor country and our heart goes out to help. What do we do when there are so many children in need of help and I can only help a few? Our first priority should be to support Christian orphanages that teach Yahweh’s Word. George Mueller was an excellent example of rearing children in the Christian Faith. Many of the ‘Feed the Children’ campaigns, which are so popular today, do not deal with orphans and they are not converting the children to Christianity. These organizations have the word ‘Christian’ in their name or mission statement but the teaching of Christ is not a requirement for the children. We are to rear our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4)¹. This is not an option! Our Father is very exact on where our money should go and what requirements go along with the money.

Israelites were responsible to provide for: the Levities, the widows and the fatherless, who were Hebrews, and the sojourner² when he was in their gates (Deu. 26:13). Yahweh was an advocate to the Hebrew widows and a father to the fatherless Hebrews (Ps. 68:5). These groups were required to work for their food. “When thou cuttest down thy harvest in thy field and forgettest a sheaf in the field, thou shall not turn back to fetch it, to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, shall it belong,—that Yahweh thy Elohim, may bless thee, in all the Work of thy hands. When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shall not glean after thee,—to the sojourner to the fatherless and to the widow, shall it belong, When thou cuttest off the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not go about picking after thee,—to the sojourner to the fatherless and to the widow, shall it belong: so shall thou remember that a servant, becamest thou in the land of Egypt,—therefore, am I commending thee to do this thing” (Deu. 24:19-22). Father feeds the birds of the air but He doesn’t throw the seed into their nest. The birds must work for food.

Work is a requirement for mankind. Eve and Adam had jobs in the Garden of Eden as we will also have, now, and in Paradise (Gen. 2:15, Micah 4:1-7). We are to work so that we may have to give to him who has need (Eph. 4:28). “For, even when we were with you, this, were we giving in charge unto you,—that, **if any will not work, neither let him eat!** We hear, in fact, of some who are walking among you in a disorderly way, at

¹ “Therefore shall ye lay these my words [Yahweh’s Word] upon your heart, and upon your soul...and ye shall teach them unto your children by speaking of them,—when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up” (Deu. 11:18,19).

² 01616 גֵר *ger* *gare* 1a) a temporary inhabitant, a newcomer lacking inherited rights 1b) of foreigners in Israel, though conceded rights

nothing, working, yet too busily working! Now, such as these, we charge and exhort in the Lord Yahshua *the* Anointed One,—that, with quietness, working, their own bread, they be eating” (II Thes. 3:10-12). Men, women as well as children of a suitable age, must work.

We are to provide for our family first, the household of faith, and if there is any money left over we can use it at our own discretion to give to unbelievers, for good. “Hence, then, as we have opportunity, let us be working what is good, towards all,—but, especially³, towards the family of the faith” (Gal. 6:10). Our responsibility as a Christian is to provide money and support to:

- 1.) Our own family members⁴.
- 2.) Ministers who are feeding us the Word of Yahweh⁵.
- 3.) Christian widows, who have no family members to take care of them⁶.
- 4.) Christian orphanages⁷.
- 5.) As the Spirit (Yahweh) leads us⁸.
- 6.) Unbelievers, including non-Christian children, who will work with their hands doing good works⁹.

We must walk in faith and wisdom, by our Father’s Word, and not by sight. Let us study the mission statement¹⁰ of the organizations that have solicited us to support a child. Financially supporting unbelievers, whether a child or an adult, should be last on our list of responsibilities. We could be supporting a Muslim terrorist. We must ask ourselves:

- 1.) Is this child an orphan?
- 2.) Is this child a Christian or will he be raised as a Christian?
- 3.) Will this child be required to work at a suitable age?
- 4.) If none of these requirements are present and I still want to give, have my other responsibilities to the family been fulfilled before I give to an unbeliever?

³ 3122 *μαλιστα* *malista mal'-is-tah* 1) especially, chiefly, most of all, above all

⁴ 1 Timothy 5:8 If, however, anyone, for his own, and specially them of his household, taketh not forethought, his faith, hath he denied, and is worse, than one without faith!

⁵ If, we, unto you, the things of the Spirit have sown, is it a great matter, if, we, of you, the things of the flesh shall reap (I Cor. 9:11)?

⁶ 1 Timothy 5:16 If any, believing woman, hath widows, let her be giving them succour, and not suffer the assembly to be burdened,—that, them who are indeed widows, it may itself succour.

⁷ James 1:27 Religious observance, pure and undefiled with our Elohim and Father, is, this—to be visiting orphans and widows in their affliction, unspotted, to keep, himself, from the world.

⁸ For, as many as by Yahweh’s spirit are being led, the same, are Yahweh’s sons (Rm. 8:14).

⁹ Galatians 6:10 Hence, then, as we have opportunity, let us be working what is good, towards all,—but, especially, towards the family of the faith.

¹⁰ For example: ‘Compassion International’ mission statement states, “Every child who participates in a Compassion program is given the opportunity to learn about Jesus and discover how to develop a lifelong relationship with God.” If the child and their parents reject Jesus your money is still given. The organization, ‘Christian Children’s Fund’ states, “Christian Children’s Fund creates an environment of hope and respect for needy children of all cultures and beliefs in which they have opportunities to achieve their full potential and provides tools for positive change-to children, families and communities.” These children are not converted to Christianity and they are not orphans.

You can find Christian Orphanages and other Christian charities on the Internet. Read their mission statements and their financial statements before you give.