

Justice and Healthcare

Matthew 25:41-43 NIV

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, **I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.**’

I.

Caring for the sick was always a focal point of Jesus’ ministry.

Jesus cared for poor people with disabilities. *Mark 10:46-52*

Jesus cared for the sick family members of rich people. *John 4:46-47*

Jesus cared for those that society threw away because of their illness. *Luke 5:12-13*

II.

Today, people want to decide who is cared for and who is not.

In America, politicians’ propose legislation and public policy is to determine who is eligible for care.

Healthcare is more motivated by money rather than concern for humanity.

Neglect is causing an increase of sickness and disease amongst the poor and people of color.

As profits continue to be more important than people, sickness continues to grow at an alarming rate.

We have forgotten that one day we will be judged by God on how we treated “the least of these”.

III.

The answer to providing justice in healthcare is compassion.

Compassion is having sympathy for another person’s problems.

Compassion is considering what it must be like to be in another person’s situation.

Compassion sees other’s pain and desires to alleviate it.

When Jesus saw the conditions of the people, He was so moved with compassion that it produced the anointing to heal. *Matthew 9:35-36*

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