



MIND THE GAP

ABUSE OF POWER

Miami-Dade pastor accused of stealing money, home belonging to elderly couple

Missouri pastor says congregation is 'poor, broke, busted' for not buying him a luxury Movado watch

Former Bellevue youth pastor pleads guilty to 13 sex crimes involving children in Arkansas



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CARING FOR VULNERABLE



DEFEND the poor and
DO JUSTICE fatherless;
DELIVER the poor and needy;
Free them from the hand of the wicked.
Psalm 82 three and four



**WHO ARE THE VULNERABLE
& WEAK IN OUR SOCIETY?**

WIDENING THE GAP

they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.




Matthew 23:6-7 NIV



EXPLOITING WIDOWS



TODAY OR ETERNITY?

if you **POUR**  **OUT**
YOURSELF
for the **HUNGRY**
& **SATISFY** the
DESIRE ^{of} the **AFFLICTED**;
 ^{then} shall
your **LIGHT** **RISE**
in the **DARKNESS**
& your **GLOOM**
BE AS the 
NOONDAY

ISAIAH 58:10



COMMUNION REFLECTION

Don't be **selfish**; don't try to **impress others**. Be **humble**, **thinking of others as better than yourselves**. Don't look out only for your own interests, but **take an interest in others**, too.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, **He gave up His divine privileges**; He **took the humble position of a slave** and was born as a human being.

When He appeared in human form, He **humiliated Him-self in obedience** to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:3-8