

## **Bible Reading for Week of May 18, 2025**

### **Monday, May 19 – Acts 6: 1-7**

What does verse one say about the needs and mercy ministry of the early church? What were some of its challenges? How could you look at this as a “good problem” to have? Why did the church choose competent men who were also knowledgeable in God’s word?

### **Tuesday, May 20 – 1 Timothy 3: 8-13**

What makes a good deacon? Why is a mercy ministry indispensable for a healthy church? From this chapter, how would you argue that deacons are important? Pray for you deacons today.

### **Wednesday, May 21 – Matthew 25: 31-46**

Who are these poor people that Jesus mentions? (v. 40) Hint: Would there be a specific reason why these people were in prison? Does this mean that we should only care for the Christian poor? (Galatians 6:10) How can this passage help us sort out our priorities as we give aid to those around us?

### **Thursday, May 22 – Psalm 72**

In what ways does God care for the poor? How does this show God’s glory and make him worthy of praise?

### **Friday, May 23 – Proverbs 14:21 & 31; 19: 17**

What do these verses teach about caring for the poor? What is the relationship between God and the poor? Why does caring for the poor honor God and bring blessing to you? If you are poor, why are you honorable?

### **Saturday, May 24 – 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9**

How does the good news of Jesus change the way you give help? Receive help? Let the good news of your salvation be foremost on your mind next time God calls you to give or receive mercy.