



Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

In the Bible, concern for the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the immigrant vastly outweigh any other concern, especially eternity in heaven. Though there are verses that talk about how to become wealthy and use wealth as a sign of God's favor, more often they are cut to the quick with rebuttals such as, "a camel has a better chance to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man into heaven." In our day and age when the difference between the wealthy and the poor is at historical records, it is time to remember that Jesus favored the needs of the poor over the abundance of the wealthy. Most of Jesus' parables and stories talking about wealth end badly for those who more than they need.

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, let us remember that it is those who are on the low end of the wage spectrum that are the most important in our society. Those who make electric cars, smart phones, and create easy shopping and shipping are really nothing when compared to those who teach or care for our children, those who care for our elders, those who take care of our trash, our water, and our food (try harvesting a field of tomatoes or anything else).

We have enough wealth as a country to make sure all have a good education, a good home, health care, and retirement. We have just allowed the very rich to become very, very, very rich while blaming the poor for our neediness. Let us invest in the jobs that bring the quality of life to those who are in need, let us invest in the health of our nation and all its citizens, and let us invest in our planet so it may become healthy as well. The smile of a child or grandparent, the affordability of a cure, and a healthy eco-system and world are what truly matters, and what truly has value in our world and God's kingdom.

Peace

