

# Common Good Scripture

*Read each of the scriptures below and record the takeaway message for each reading*

‘There might be a poor man among you. He might be in one of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you. Do not be selfish or greedy toward your poor brother. But give freely to him. Freely lend him whatever he needs.’

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 ICB

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‘Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong.’

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 ICB

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‘If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose. When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others. <sup>5</sup> In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus. ... Do everything without complaining or arguing.’

Philippians 2:2-5, 14 ICB

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'Each one of us has a body, and that body has many parts. These parts all have different uses. In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body. And each part belongs to all the other parts.'

Romans 12:4-5 ICB

'Now, brothers, we ask you to respect those people who work hard with you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you. Respect them with a very special love because of the work they do with you.

Live in peace with each other. We ask you, brothers, to warn those who do not work. Encourage the people who are afraid. Help those who are weak. Be patient with every person. Be sure that no one pays back wrong for wrong. But always try to do what is good for each other and for all people.

Always be happy. Never stop praying. Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not stop the work of the Holy Spirit. Do not treat prophecy as if it were not important. But test everything. Keep what is good. And stay away from everything that is evil.'

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22 ICB

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*Answer the questions below:*

How do these Scripture references inform your understanding about the Common Good?

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How does caring for Earth and each other benefit communities?

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