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Proverbs 21:13 (NIV)

Cry Of The Poor

Are you listening? Are you watching? Are you paying attention to the needs of those around you? It is easy to ignore those who are poor. Nothing will stop you from walking right on by those who are in need. Are you seeing and hearing the cries of the poor? Those are tough questions. **Why is that?** I can't honestly say a wholehearted yes to any one of your questions. I probably haven't been listening. I'm sure that I have not been watching. The poor and needy have become invisible to me. I don't mean to walk right on by those in need. I want to hear and respond to the cries of the poor. **That's all I wanted to hear from you.**

Since you have said that you want to hear and respond to the needs of the poor you will be tested. How will I be tested? **I will make it so you will be able to hear the cries and see the needs of the poor. You will no longer be able to walk blindly by those in need. You will no longer be deaf to the cries of the poor. The poor and needy are all around you. Those who need help are both near and far. Once you hear and once you see you will be tested.** How will I be tested? **Do you really need to ask that question?** I suppose not. The test will be in how I respond to what I see and hear. **That's right.** The question you will ask me is, "Will I hear and answer the cries of the poor?" **That's right.** You want to know if I will help those who are in need. **Yes, I do.** You want me to know how I will respond to what you allow me to see and hear. **Yes, I do.**

I will tell you right now how I will respond to your questions. I will give my answer in advance of your test. I will make my answer firm and sure right now. I will not waver. I will not shrink back. I will not change my mind. I will hear and respond to the cries of the poor. I will help those in need. **Why will you do this?** I want to become like you. I want to love like you loved. I want to give like you gave. I want to do all that you would do for all those who are in need. I will do whatever you are calling me to do for you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will not shut my ears to hearing and responding to the cries of the poor. I will listen carefully and respond enthusiastically to those who are in need. Use me to help others. Help me to love like you loved and give like you gave. Amen

If *Shuts His Ears*
If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.
NIV Proverbs 21:13

If *Closes His Ear*
Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.
ESV Proverbs 21:13

If *Shut Their Ears*
Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.
NLT Proverbs 21:13

If *Shuts His Ears*
Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be heard.
NKJV Proverbs 21:13

If *Close Your Ear*
If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard.
NRSV Proverbs 21:13

If *Stop Your Ears*
If you stop your ears to the cries of the poor, your cries will go unheard, unanswered.
MSG Proverbs 21:13

If *Stops His Ears*
Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor will cry out himself and not be heard.
AMP Proverbs 21:13

If *Shuts His Ears*
He who shuts his ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in his own time of need.
TLB Proverbs 21:13

If *Shuts His Ear*
He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be answered.
NASB Proverbs 21:13

If *Ignores*
Whoever ignores the poor when they cry for help will also cry for help and not be answered.
NCV Proverbs 21:13

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you open up your ears and respond to the cries of the poor so that your prayers will also be heard.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will open up my ears and respond to the cries of the poor.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I open up my ears and respond to the cries of the poor today?
