

Proverbs 18:13 - To answer before listening that is folly and shame.

The importance of listening

Proverbs 22:2 - Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.

Rich and poor are part of this world

2 Thessalonians 3:13 - And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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Romans 8:24-28 - ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

God helps us in our weakness, all things to the good

Job 3:11-13 - "Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb? ¹²Why were there knees to receive me and breasts that I might be nursed? ¹³For now I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest

Empathy and humility with suffering people

Isaiah 6:6-8 - ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Being prepared for and then answering the call to serve

Luke 10:38-42 - ³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Martha and Mary-works vs worship