

WHO'S LOOKING OUT FOR YOU?

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- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a sermon
 - * FYI -- I have addressed this concept here (back in 2004) and through the years as one of my traveling sermons
 - * Purpose of the sermon -- It is important in life for you to identify who is truly looking out for you
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- * At this time -- let's evaluate 7 institutions
 - * What Institutions are looking out for you?

INSTITUTION	RARELY	OFTEN	DEPENDABLE
Entertainment Media	_____	_____	_____
News Media	_____	_____	_____
Legal System	_____	_____	_____
Business Corporations	_____	_____	_____
Religious Hierarchy	_____	_____	_____
American Government	_____	_____	_____
Family	_____	_____	_____

1. Is the Entertainment Media looking out for you?
 - * Their profit -- Their agenda
 - * Are they looking out for your children?
2. Is the News Media looking out for you?
 - * Their profit -- Their agenda -- Their slant or bias
3. Is the Legal System looking out for you?
 - * I haven't had much need of the legal system
 - * Observation -- Legal system benefits the rich
 - * Observation -- Too many judges are activist judges
4. Are Business Corporations looking out for you?
 - * Their profit -- Their shareholders
 - * They provide jobs -- Some gouge the public
5. Is a Religious Hierarchy looking out for you?
 - * A hierarchy can have some good goals
 - * But they usually protect the clergy
 - * And they almost always protect their institution
6. Is the American Government looking out for you?
 - * This nation was not built to be socialism
 - * America was built upon self-reliance and individual initiative -- I believe this nation's founders wanted little governmental interference in the lives of Americans -- because most colonists fled from those systems in Europe
 - * Are they protecting your "equality of opportunity?"
 - * Equality of opportunity -- NOT equality of outcome
 - * Are they protecting your freedoms and rights?
7. Is your Family looking out for you?
 - * Can you forgive your family members for falling to look out for you?

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- * Let's spend the rest of the sermon -- looking at the Bible
 - * Who is supposed to help the poor?
 - * Let's look at 5 answers
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1. The nation

Exod. 23:11 national law -- for the poor -- in the field
Deut. 15:7-11 national law -- help the poor willingly
Deut. 24:19-21 national law -- leave some for the poor

2. The family

1 Tim. 5:4 a family should take care of their own
 8 provide for your own family
 16 don't put that responsibility on the church
Matt. 7:11 a father giving good gifts
1 Thes. 2:7-8 the gentleness of a sacrificing mother
Eph. 6:2-3 children -- honoring their parents

3. Believers -- congregation or individual

1 Tim. 5:3 Moffatt -- widows in need must be supported from the funds
 9 Moffatt -- no one under 60 is to be put on the church's list of widows
 9-15 a criteria
Gal. 2:9-10 even if different audiences -- help the poor
James 2:14-16 serve the need -- (not the lust)
1 John 3:16-17 serve the need -- (not the lust)

4. Friends -- believers & non-believers

Eccles. 4:9 2 are better than 1
 10 if 1 falls, the other will lift him up -- woe to him who is alone when he falls
Prov. 17:17 sometimes -- friend loves at all times
Prov. 18:24 sometimes -- friend sticks closer than family
Prov. 27:10 sometimes -- close neighbor > distant family

5. God

Rom. 8:17 heir of God -- joint-heir with Christ
John 15:15 friend -- Son of God
1 Pet. 5:6-7 all your cares upon God -- He cares for you

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If every institution and if every person disappoints you or fails you, know that your heavenly Father is looking out for you.