

Benevolence
1Timothy 5:3-8

Individual Responsibility

First and foremost - **1Timothy 5:3-16**

Just because we can doesn't mean we should or that we are authorized.

Ability or opportunity is not authority - **1Corinthians 11:17-22,34; Ephesians 4:11-16**

Congregation Responsibility

Poor saints were helped by local church

Unique situation in Jerusalem - **Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 6:1-6**

Church sent help to needy in other congregations

Delivered to local elders

In want; physical need; temporary

Recipients were saints, members of church

Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-27; 1Corinthians 16:1-4; 2Corinthians 8:1-4,13-15; 9:1,12-13; 1Timothy 5:16

Still Individual

Most, if not all, of these examples show Individual Action was taken to provide this benevolence.

Acts 11:29; 4:34-37; 1Corinthians 16:1-2

Saints Care For Saints!

Acts 2:42-47

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