# TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Proverbs 31:8-9



"WHY ARE WE SO BLESSED..."

"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required;" *Luke 12:48b*  "and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." *Luke 12:48c* 

"You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy..." *Deuteronomy 24:14a*  "Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy." *Psalm 82:3*  "Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked." *Psalm 82:4* 

**SERMONIC POINTS:** 

**#1:** OPPORTUNITY

**#2:** RESPONSIBILITY

**#3:** ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **SERMONIC PNT.#1:**

### **OPPORTUNITY**

*This was the fight that so many fought on our behalf...access...* 

# SERMONIC PNT.#2:

**RESPONSIBILITY** *What are we supposed* 

to do with our power and access and on behalf of whom?

# SERMONIC PNT.#3:

### ACCOUNTABILITY

*If those in positions of power and responsibility don't act, we must act.*  "Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die." *Proverbs 31:8*  "Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy" *Proverbs 31:9* 

### **SPEECHLESS**

*Those who cannot or choose not to advocate for themselves...* 

## **POOR & NEEDY**

Those who don't have basic needs... (food, water, clothes, shelter)

#### GENERAL NOTES (not to be shown)

"THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID OR UNABLE TO PLEAD THEIR OWN CAUSE"

"THERE ARE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS...THOSE IN DISTRESS...

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