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Jesus' good deeds created a constant tension in His critics' hearts

- It was proof of His message (Matt 11:4-5)
- It spread His fame
- It was what He “went about” doing (Acts 10:38)
- It “heaped coals” on His enemies heads (Rom 12:20-21)
- It silenced their arguments (1 Pet 2:15)

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**Jesus' considered and
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suffering of others**

- David failed to value humans like he did animals (2 Sam 12:1-6)
- We wish for God to “look down from heaven and see” us (Isa 63:15-16)

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

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**Jesus showed religion is not a
replacement for moral
accountability**

Job 31:13-22 “If I have...”

Withheld from the poor

Eaten my food alone

Seen anyone perish for lack of
clothing

Neglected the orphan or widow

**Pure religion and undefiled before our God
and Father is this, to visit the fatherless
and widows in their affliction, and to keep
oneself unspotted from the world. (Jm 1:27)**

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- 1. It will make enemies and incense those who despise your religious views**
- 2. It will force you to emphathize and consider others**
- 3. It will require personal sacrifice and action to tangibly meet the needs of others**

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