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## Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the  
wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

## 1 Timothy 2:1-7

### Instructions concerning Prayer

**2** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth;<sup>[a]</sup> I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

## Luke 16:10-13

### Concerning Treasures

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,<sup>[a]</sup> who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with

what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”<sup>[b]</sup>