

[\(ND-ALL\) Congressman Kevin Cramer To People Who Can't Find Jobs or Aren't Able To Work: Don't Eat](#)

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Earlier today, a constituent of North Dakota Congressman Kevin Cramer posted a comment on Cramer's Facebook wall. The constituent apparently wanted to make sure that -- after Cramer's vote to take food out of the mouths of hungry children, disabled people, the elderly and many military veterans -- Cramer was aware of some of the Biblical passages supporting the idea of helping the least of these. Cramer's response is kind of stunning. His response is, essentially, to let those people starve. Citing a different Biblical passage, here's what Cramer wrote:

Congressman Kevin Cramer 2 Thessalonians 3:10 English Standard Version (ESV) 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.
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So there you go folks. The hungry children of veterans who can't find jobs or who are disabled; those kids can just starve. See, Cramer's a good Christian, and Thessalonians says we need to let the children of people who can't work or who can't find jobs starve.

Now, to be clear, I'm not some great Biblical scholar. And I don't know very many great Biblical scholars. I'm quite certain Kevin Cramer isn't a great Biblical scholar. Why? Because his quote makes clear that he thinks the Bible has told him that everyone who is poor is also lazy.

Cramer assumes everybody who receives SNAP assistance is lazy. Because, of course, the Christian thing to do is to assume that everyone who isn't working isn't **willing** to work. And we should hate those people and let them "not eat."

Let's just forget all that crap the Bible says about helping poor people. Why not?!? He forgets that many who receive SNAP assistance **work**. Many work full-time. Many work multiple jobs. It's not that they're lazy, Kevin; it's that our economy needs a lot of working poor people. WalMart needs a lot of working poor. Kevin's owner -- the [Man Who Bought North Dakota](#) -- needs a lot of working poor people. How would the Walton family make so much money if they weren't able to pay so many people so little?!?

You want to know who's lazy? Let's talk about the U.S. House of Representatives. Do you know how many days they're in session this year? [126 days](#). That's 10.5 days per month. Congressman Cramer works an average of 19.4 hours per week, and he's suggesting lazy people shouldn't get to eat?!? Maybe Cramer (and the family member he has working in his official Congressional office) shouldn't eat.

And -- speaking of not working -- what is our Congressman doing responding to messages on his Facebook wall at 2:00 p.m. on a Friday? We're paying \$174,000 per year to work less than half-time **AND** he's hangin' out on the Facebook? Doesn't Congressman Cramer have anything better to do?

We deserve better.

NOTE: Here's [the entire exchange](#):





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Dear Congressman Kevin Cramer --

Matthew 25:36-43

The Message (MSG)

34-36 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

37-40 "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

41-43 "Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

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