

HOW TO NEIGHBOR EMPOWERING THE POOR

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Deuteronomy 15:11

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Matthew 25:40

Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Galatians 2:10

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1 John 3:17-18

POVERTY EFFECTS EVERYONE

The source of all forms of poverty: _____

1) _____ 2) Relational 3) _____ 4) Financial 5) _____

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:20-22

TWO PERSPECTIVES ON POVERTY

- Financially affluent cultures: poverty is a lack of _____ resources.
- Global financially poor: poverty is _____ pain.

Material Definition of Poverty + God-Complexes of Materially Non-Poor + Feelings of Inferiority of Materially Poor = Harm to Both Materially Poor and Non-Poor

(When Helping Hurts, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert)

WE ARE CALLED

1. TO _____ OTHERS NOT _____ OTHERS.

- Relief: short-term crisis
- Restoration: long-term rebuilding
- Recovery: self-sufficient

2. TO _____ WITH PEOPLE NOT _____ PEOPLE.

3. TO REACH _____ NOT REACH _____.

NEXT WEEK! "ORPHANS EMBRACED"

Sources: The Art of Neighboring, Jay Pathak; When Helping Hurts, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert; lifechurch.tv "How To Neighbor"

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The source of all forms of poverty: **BROKENNESS**

1) Spiritual 2) Relational 3) Emotional 4) Financial 5) Environmental

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1. TO SERVE OTHERS NOT SAVE OTHERS.

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- Restoration: long-term rebuilding
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2. TO RELATE WITH PEOPLE NOT RESCUE PEOPLE.

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