



Poverty: Of Hearts & Hands

When you think of those in poverty, do you have any pre-conceived notions that might harden your heart? If so, consider that we're called by God to care for and be generous toward the poor. With this in mind, how can you adjust your heart and mind stance to be more of a difference maker?

Scripture Text: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Sermon Points:

- Poverty: What is it?
- God's people are called to care for the poor.
- God's people are called to be generous with the poor.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your personal experience with poverty? Do you have any relationships with people in poverty? Explain.
2. In what way is care for the poor a gospel issue? See 2 Corinthians 8:9; Proverbs 14:31; James 5:2:5-9; Matthew 25:31-46.
3. Think of obstacles that we tend to construct to harden our hearts to the poor (e.g. blame them, expect someone else to help, etc.) Discuss how to get past these.
4. Why is gratitude and generosity a gift from God to us? See Deuteronomy 15:10-11; Luke 12:33-34; Proverbs 22:9.