



Poverty: Of Hearts and Hands

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

A difference maker is one who celebrates their new life in Jesus by bringing His life to others.

1. _____ : What is it?

2. God's people are called to _____ for the poor.

3. God's people are called to be _____ with the poor.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

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 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.

Memory Verse

“Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

1 Peter 3:16-18