

# World Poverty and Wise Ministry

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**Series: International ministry and mission**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**Topic: world poverty**

**Proverbs 29:7** The righteous are concerned for the rights of the poor, The wicked does not understand *such* concern.

## Principles of wise ministry to the impoverished worldwide:

1. **God owns it all** (Luke 14:33)
2. **We are stewards and we will give an account** (Luke 16:1)
3. **In new testament examples giving was directed to pastors, missionaries) and the poor** (1 Tim. 5:17-18, 1 Cor. 9:13-14, Gal. 2:9-10)
4. **Generous love avoids enabling sin and self destruction** (2 Thess. 3:6-15)
5. **The gift of wisdom is more valuable than money** (Pr. 3:13-16; Pr. 4:7-8)
6. **Eternal welfare has priority over temporal welfare** (Matt. 28:18-20)
7. **Families are to help their own poor** (1 Tim. 5:8)
8. **The daily experience of grace produces generosity** (2 Cor. 8:1-9)
9. **Worship and love are the driving forces behind generosity** (1 Jn. 16-18)
10. **Money is a tool to grow our love** (Matt. 6:19-21)
11. **God blesses generosity with the ability to be more generous** (2 Cor. 9:6-11)
12. **We are created to work six days a week as unto the Lord** (Eph. 6:5-9)
13. **The new covenant exemplifies simple, contented and generous living** (Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 6:8-10,18)
14. **Justice, mercy and faithfulness guide our generosity beyond a tithe** (Matt. 23:23)
15. **Jesus is our primary example of ministry to the poor** (2 Cor. 8:9)

**16. God's model for governments includes principles of justice and localized help for the poor.**

**Psalm 82:3** Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

**17. God's model for churches includes principles of grace and personalized help for the poor.**

**Acts 2:42** And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

**18. Christians are called to help and disciple the poor in their churches.**

**Acts 4:34** For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,

<sup>35</sup> and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.

**19. Churches are called to help and share the good news with the poor in their communities.**

**Luke 10:25** And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

<sup>27</sup> And he answered and said, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

<sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE."

<sup>29</sup> But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" The Good Samaritan

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> "And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup> "And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup> "But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

<sup>34</sup> and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup> "And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

<sup>37</sup> And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

**20. Churches around the world are called to plant churches in every people group.**

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**21. Churches are called to plant churches in every community within their people group.**

**22. Churches around the world are called to help one another minister to the poor.**

**2 Corinthians 8:13** For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality—

<sup>14</sup> at this present time your abundance being a supply for their want, that their abundance also may become a supply for your want, that there may be equality;

**2 Corinthians 9:1** For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints;

<sup>2</sup> for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

<sup>3</sup> But I have sent the brethren, that our boasting about you may not be made empty in this case, that, as I was saying, you may be prepared;

<sup>4</sup> lest if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to speak of you) should be put to shame by this confidence.

<sup>5</sup> So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, that the same might be ready as a bountiful gift, and not affected by covetousness.

**Matthew 25:31** “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup> “And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

<sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

<sup>35</sup> ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

<sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?’

<sup>38</sup> ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?’

<sup>39</sup> ‘And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

<sup>40</sup> “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

<sup>42</sup> for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’

<sup>44</sup> “Then they themselves also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’

<sup>45</sup> “Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”