

## The Poor #6

### January 4, 2026

**Last week:** The Supernatural Potential in Helping the Poor

- **Like 4;18-19** - *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*
- All these are ‘disadvantaged’
- **Luke 7** - *“Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.”*
- Good news told to the poor - It’s the good news of the Kingdom
- These are all things that happen routinely in the Kingdom of God
- There’s definitely
- **John 9:1** - *“Is this man blind because of his sins or the sins of his father?”* Jesus answered, *“Neither, but that the works of God might be revealed in him”*
- Could our encounters with the poor have the same potential?
- If the answer is yes, then every encounter we have with those disadvantaged (*in any way*) is an opportunity for the Kingdom of God to be manifest!
- They are open doors for the supernatural power of God!
- It is obviously one of the bedrock characteristics of God to do whatever it takes to help the disadvantaged!

### **The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37**

- Samaritans despised by the Jews
- Intermarried with the Jews
- Considered compromisers, disobedient, theologically wrong, religiously corrupt, unfaithful to the Law
- Refuse to eat or associate with them
- Those coming in contact considered unclean
- They argued they were obedient to Moses’ faith
- Worshiped on Mount Gerizim - Not Jerusalem

- Avoided traveling through Samaria
- Jews did not go through - - But, ....Jesus did
- That was an unforgivable offense to the Jews
- *"I must go through Samaria"* - Following the Father's directions
- **John 4** - The woman at the well
- **Acts 1:8** - "You shall be my witnesses"
- The Parable of the Good Samaritan - READ
- *"Who is my neighbor?"*
- Who is 'your' neighbor? - - Anyone you encounter who is disadvantaged!
- **John 5:19** - *"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do"*

***"The poor in America need the church, but not nearly as much as the church needs the poor"***

- Why would I say that?
- It's a test of your heart!! Very Important
- It's the ultimate heart test - - People with problems - problem people
- It's not just a test to see if you'll give, or....?
- It's a test that will clearly show the condition of one's heart
- It reveals things that need to be fixed *\*(if you're to become a Kingdom person)*
- People know that the poor need help but most would rather give to someone, some organization, church, etc, that's doing it rather than doing it themselves
- There's nothing wrong with that but it shouldn't relieve us from personal responsibility
- To personally avoid helping might exclude one from the joy of seeing God move in someone's life
- And, it would incredibly grow the faith of those who are obedient!
- Don't forget, ....*"It's more blessed to give than to receive"*
- It's another secret nobody's talking about!
- Anything/anytime you do the right thing (according to the rules of the Kingdom) there's a blessing headed your way.
- But, there's a requirement - - The heart has to be correct
- *"Servanthood has little to do with what we 'do', but everything to do in the heart in which we do it" AT*