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THE BIBLICAL SOLUTION TO POVERTY IN AMERICA

Notes continued..

4. Poverty aid must be reserved for the _____ poor.

Matthew 26:11 Jesus said, "You always have the poor with you...."

Deuteronomy 15:11 Moses said, "For there will never cease to be poor people in the land...."

2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 "6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother who walks irresponsibly and not according to the tradition received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you must imitate us: We were not irresponsible among you; 8 we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and struggled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. 10 In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." 11 For we hear that there are some among you who walk irresponsibly, not working at all, but interfering with the work of others. 12 Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ that quietly working, they may eat their own food."

5. Both the government and civil society must teach the poor and the young the poverty-defeating _____ that will increase their chances of avoiding poverty.

Proverbs 10:4 "Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches."

Proverbs 23:33-34 "33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the arms to rest, 34 and your poverty will come like a robber, your need, like a bandit."

Proverbs 19:15 "Laziness induces deep sleep, and a lazy person will go hungry."

Proverbs 13:7 "One man pretends to be rich but has nothing; another pretends to be poor but has great wealth."

Proverbs 21:17 "The one who loves pleasure will become a poor man; whoever loves wine and oil will not get rich."

Proverbs 23:21 "For the drunkard and the glutton will become poor, and grogginess will clothe them in rags."

As my next step today I want to:

(Life is a series of next steps. What's yours?)

- Return next week to Church Acadiana and learn more.
- Invite a friend to come with me next week.
- Trust in Christ as my Savior and King for the first time.
- Sign up for the next Baptism Party.
- Attend the next Newcomer's Lunch.

I'd like more info about:

- I would like a personal call from the pastor.
- I would like a personal visit from the pastor.
- Home Groups.
- Church Acadiana's weekly Email Newsletter.
- Baptism.

How can we pray for you?

Welcome to Church Acadiana!

We're excited that you are here today. The worship experience will begin with music because we love Jesus and like to sing songs of praise to Him. We hope you enjoy it -- you're welcome to sing along or just listen. Then Pastor Andy Manning will lead us in Bible study. Please take a few moments to fill out the **Connection Card**, introducing yourself to us and informing us of how we can better serve you. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the worship experience.

New Here?

Church Acadiana is probably different from the churches you've visited in the past. **Our mission** is to help people far from God become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. But it is **our vision** that sets us apart. Our focus is on reaching the next generation by equipping parents to disciple their kids. **We are family-integrated** — that means we keep families together and teach parents how to disciple their kids at home. **We keep it simple** — we just do three things — Sunday worship, Home Group, and volunteer. On **Sundays** you'll experience verse-by-verse Bible teaching and passionate praise music. And our **Home Groups** are small groups of people who meet weekly for prayer, fellowship, and deeper study of Sunday's sermon. If you're looking for a loving church family that will help you and your family grow to maturity in Christ, then look no further.

Upcoming Events

Meet & Greet Join us every Sunday from 9:30-10 am for fellowship and coffee.

Baptism Party April 2. Sign up for next Baptism Party if you are ready to take the plunge into believer's baptism.

Marriage Retreat April 7-8. Join Pastor Andy and Lydia for the upcoming marriage treat at Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice. Sign up at ABCcamp.com. \$80 per couple.

Palm Sunday Picnic April 9. Pack a lunch or pick it up on the way to Foster Park and Youngsville and join us for the annual Palm Sunday Picnic. Easter Egg Hunt, relays and games, and great fellowship for the whole family.

Home Group. Sign up today for the upcoming spring Home Group quarter, beginning the week of April 9.

You can find out more about Church Acadiana by visiting our website at www.ChurchAcadiana.com.

Want to take notes?

The Biblical Solution to Poverty in America
Stand-Alone Sermon



Proverbs 14:31 "The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors Him."

5 Ways Socialism is Evil

1. The _____ of poverty aid must be to lift people out of poverty to self-sufficiency.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 "11 to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12 so that you may walk properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone."

2 Thessalonians 3:10 "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:12 "12 Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ that quietly working, they may eat their own food."

2. The _____ must gradually phase out all aid to the poor.

Exodus 20:15 "Do not steal."

3. Poverty aid must be left in the hands of individuals, families, _____, and charities.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 where Paul exhorts the Thessalonian church "11 to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12 so that you may walk properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone."

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his own, that is his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

1 Timothy 5:3 "Support widows who are genuinely widows."

Acts 4:34-35 "34 For there was not a needy person among them, because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed for each person's basic needs."

My Key Takeaway

Connection Card

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Name _____ Change in contact info

Email (please print) _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____

Place this card in the offering basket as you leave.

1st -time guest
 2nd -time guest
 Regular Attendee
 Member

