

How Poor Should I Be?

I. Poverty is a Soc. Phen. MK 14:7

1 yr. wages 10000 die daily
Why are people poor = sick

- ① Glory of God
- ② Not a vice
- ③ Ignorance (India)
- ④ Selfishness.

Rampant - ① Something aesthetic may be sought.

② Poverty not a call to action ③ Do for good, not self

II. Let all work

Ex 20. Rph 4:24.

III. Let all give

Sacrificially MK 12: 41-44

Generously 1 Tim 6. 1 Cor 16:2.

IV. Let all have proper Perspective & Priorities

1. People Eph 6:10

2. Time - Mt 6:19

Lk 16

Mt 7:12

Live loose from money & possessions.
Look for new ways to give.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE POOR

Matt 26:11--always with us; so ^{Mr 14:7}

- I. Let all work. Gen 3 ^{Mr 20}
- Ex 20, Prov 6:6; Rom 12:11; Eph 4:28 ^{2:15}
- Col 3:22-23. ^{Mr 6:26}

Work is part of curse but good bec

- 1. keeps out of mischief Gen 3
- 2. enables you to give to others Eph 4:28
- 3. can be done unto the Lord Col 3:23

II. Let all give Mk 12:43; 1 Tim 6; 1 Jn 3

13 that like trumpets with wide mouths in Court of woman

- 1. Who should give. All incld widow ¹³
- 2. Why? to show love of God ^{might have kept 1 note book}
- 3. How much, sacrificially even in poor, 2 Cor 8-9. If rich, liberally, 1 Tim 6 ¹¹⁻¹

2 with 1 smaller Roman coin.

III. Let all be unimpressed with wealth.

Status gained by money not most imp't thing in world.

- 1. Unimpressed in church, Jas 2.
- 2. Unimpressed in world, Lk 12:13

Why? Bec life doesn't consist in wealth and bec good progress of ch depends on spir gifts being exercised incld giving
How to counter this status symbol with children?

IV. Let all be fair.

- 1. Employer, Jas 5:4 Pay yard man?
- 2. Employee, Col 3. ²³⁻²⁴

Revolting not in Bible. even for unfair treatment. ^{1 Cor 7:26-27}

Let poor hear the gospel Lk 4:18 - can't understand
poorly - for 26:11.

Planning 2 Cor 12:11, 1 Tim 5:8

I. Let all be ^{self-suff.} content. Having and lacking both can be in will of God. Lk 6:20;8:3.
1 Tim 6:6,10; Phil 4:11. 2 Cor 9:8
Self-advancement fine, Lk 19:13 but not ill-gotten gain. Jas 5:3.
All should work, 2 Thess 3:10 *hand-1619:13*

II. Let all give.

~~12:43~~ 13 trumpet-like chests.

Showed sacrifice ^(act) and trust (for job to eat)

2 principles: even poor give; give generously

Candidates giving on tax. 1 Tim 6:17-19.

III. Let all appraise money. "evaluate worth, significance, status of"

1. Money cannot buy best things in life, Lk 12:15.

2. Money can breed covetousness, Lk 12:15. ^{12:8}

Having more will not solve. Contentment will

3. Money is ^{s. usefulness} transitory. Either by my life

ending as in foll. story, or by money

ending. 1 Jn 2:17. Climax in Rev 18. ^{14/6}

Description-demonic, 2, deluding, 3, delightful

3. Destruction, 6, 10. Reactions, kings, 9-10

merchants, 11-17a; sea merchants, 17b-19

heaven, 20. Babylon center in trib?

4. Money makes it more difficult to

see need of kingdom of God, Mt 19:24.

2A. Money can induce to ~~do~~ ^{do} Rom 13:8

37% of adults who attend the weekly give
Evang. give 2.6% to all charities

Po 32:6 written

Don't 22:11 still written

JESUS & MONEY

1. Mk 14:7, Jn 12:3

2. Sacrificial giving Mk 12:41-44
Poor should give. Rich greater %

3. Self advancement ^{Lk 16:1-13 talents} Mt 25:14-30 ^{pounds} Lk 19:11-28

4. OK to have money Mt 23:5, ^{centuri} Lk 7:2, Lk 8:3
Mt 19:16-22

5. May be diff. to enter Kgdem Mt 19:24

6. Lk 12:15

Concl. 1. Emphasis on proper use of money
2. Within Community.

7. Salt - preserves things Mt 5:13 Cor. of salt (life)
cleanses dirt let world contaminate

8. Light - Reflect X. Hill (public) house (private). ^{p63} Excuses

9. Love neighbor. Lk 10:25-7

Acts 10:38 but not all Jn 5

Mt 25:31-46.