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POVERTY CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

REVISED ESSAY: Biblical Basics about Poverty

If you are serious about helping the Poor, please read the rest of this Essay for the Biblical Solutions to Poverty. **Biblical Definition of Poverty: Destitution** In the media and according to self-appointed advocates of the poor, Poverty is living below an arbitrary level of income set by the Government. In our Society today, for most people, that definition defines which people are "Poor". That is not the correct definition of "Poverty" or "the Poor". Christians must define Poverty and Poor the way the Bible does. In the Bible, Poverty is defined as destitution. **Causes of true Poverty** The Book tells us there are more than 20 causes of Poverty altogether. 1. The Book of Proverbs says that personal, irresponsible behavior (mostly laziness) is a cause of poverty. This is the cause that conservative Evangelical Christians emphasize, almost exclusively (if you are poor you must be lazy). But this is only one cause of being poor. 2. Using the most common Biblical definition, people in America today are correctly called "poor" if they had property and means, but have lost their livelihood to no fault of their own or are no longer able to work and maintain their property. The Poor today are those who due to no fault of their own, can't pay their bills because of plant closings, fire, accident, death in the family, debilitating illness, enormous medical bills, etc. and, of course, natural disasters like tornadoes. The qualifying phrase, "due to no fault of their own" is crucial to the Biblical definition of the Poor. **Continue reading for the Biblical Solutions of Poverty**

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