

## EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: POVERTY AND TAKING CARE OF THE POOR

### KEY POINT: POVERTY AND THE NEEDY WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US

Mateo 26:11 / NgokukaMathewu 26:11 / Matthew 26:11 “The poor you will always have with you,…”

### KEY POINT: JESUS HAD COMPASION WITH THE POOR AND NEEDY

Mateo 15:32 / NgokukaMathewu 15:32 / Matthew 15:32 “Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”

### KEY POINT: JESUS HELPED THE POOR AND NEEDY

Mareka 1:41 / NgokukaMarku 1:41 / Mark 1:41 “Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

### KEY POINT: AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE MUST ALSO HELP THE POOR AND THE NEEDY

Jesaya 58:6-7 / Uisaya 58:6-7 / Isaiah 58:6-7 “6 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

### KEYPOINT: OUR HELP MUST BE PRACTICAL, NOT JUST WORDS

Jakobo 2:15-16 / EkaJakobe 2:15-16 / James 2:15-16 “15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?”

### KEY POINT: WE WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDINGLY

Mateo 25:45-46 / NgokukaMathewu 25:45-46 / Matthew 25:45-46 “45 He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. 46 Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’”

### REMEMBER:

1. Poverty and the needy will always be with us
2. Jesus had compassion with the poor and the needy
3. Jesus helped the poor and the needy
4. As followers of Jesus, we must also help the poor and the needy
5. Our help must be practical, not just words
6. We will be judged accordingly

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