

POINT OF IMPACT



The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...

Psalms 24:1

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

WHAT DO YOU OWN ?

A THEOLOGY OF POVERTY

The role of the law is...

principle - not literal practice.

the wisdom of God.

the background assumed by the Prophets, Jesus, and Apostles.

a wonderful mix of opportunity and hope.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

YOURSELF

There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the Lord.

Leviticus 23:3

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching (tradition or pattern of living) you received from us. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

¹¹We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busy-bodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. ¹³And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. ¹⁴If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. ¹⁵Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-15

YOUR FAMILY

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:32 (also Exodus 20:12)

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. ⁴But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. ¹⁶If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.

1 Timothy 5:3-4, 16 (also 1 Timothy 5:5-15)

YOUR TRIBE

If one of your countrymen becomes poor among you and sells himself to you, do not make him work as a slave. ⁴⁰He is to be treated as a hired worker or a temporary resident among you; he is to work for you until the Year of Jubilee.

⁴¹Then he and his children are to be released, and he will go back to his own clan and to the property of his forefathers. ⁴²Because the Israelites are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt, they must not be sold as slaves.

⁴³Do not rule over them ruthlessly, but fear your God. *Leviticus 25:39-43*

All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Acts 2:44-45

YOUR EDGE

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. ²²When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:9-10, 22

NEXT STEPS

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