

# POINT OF IMPACT



## DAY 1

**READ** Leviticus 19:9-10.

**DESCRIBE** how the Biblical principle of **EDGES** (*leaving field edges unharvested, not retrieving every fallen grape in your vineyard*) translates to our modern-day culture. Be specific as you relate this principle to life today.

Besides financial resources, what other types of resources has each of us been given? How does this principle apply to these areas of modern life?

## DAY 2

**VISUALIZE** two hands cupped together in order to catch falling sand. Now instead of tightening the hands together so as to catch every grain of sand, **IMAGINE** letting the sand accumulate in the palms of your hands while at the same time allowing it to slip freely between your fingers. This is the principle of **EDGES** - keeping some, sharing some.

The **THEOLOGY OF POVERTY** we discussed last week lists the Biblical responsibilities to care and provide for:

**Yourself**, your **family**, your **tribe**, and your **EDGE**.

Most of us would consider the bounty of sand in the palms of our hands to be our portion, while the sand which trickles between the fingers would be the remainder for everyone else.

**LOOK** again at Leviticus 19:9-10 and 23:22. For whom are the **EDGES**?

Do you have **EDGES** in your life right now? What do you consider the "edges of your field?" Do you presently use everything on/for yourself? What must you do to apply the Biblical principle of **EDGES** to your own life?

## DAY 3

**READ** Exodus 16:17-18 and 2 Corinthians 9:8-9.

Whenever we become aware of a deficiency (*not enough money, time, etc.*) our first inclination is to look for ways to **increase** what we lack. "If I could just make more money..." "If I had more time..." As stewards and good managers, we should first consider what is being **spent**. Can we decrease what we **spend** on ourselves in order to provide the **EDGE** we lack? (*Keep in mind that our resources include finances, time, commitment, and influence.*) Maybe we need to re-evaluate what we consider **enough**.

Some of us have the problem of overflowing **EDGES**, but neglect our responsibilities to our family or tribe. What steps do you need to take to align your real-life practices with the Biblical principle of **EDGES**? Are you currently honoring this principle with your resources? If not, what steps must you take today?

## DAY 4

**READ** Isaiah 58:6-12 and 1:17.

In what ways do you see the principle of **EDGES** in these verses? Besides financial poverty, what other types of poverty are mentioned? Where do you see oppression, injustice, and poverty around you today? Go back through those verses using the **PARAPHRASE IT** Bible study method. **NAME** specific ways people suffer oppression, injustice, and poverty in our world today.

## DAY 5

**READ** Ephesians 2:10.

We were created to do good works and make a difference.

In our broken world, what wrecks you and breaks your heart? Is it some kind of injustice? Extreme poverty? Homelessness? Broken marriages? Abused children? What about racism? Corruption?

**"There is something out there that God is waiting for you to grab on to so that he can use you to help solve it. It wrecks you, it wrecks him and he is ready for you both to do something about it."**

Bill Hybels, *Holy Discontent: Fueling the fire that ignites personal vision*

This is your **POINT OF IMPACT** - your **EDGE** or as Bill Hybels calls it, your **HOLY DISCONTENT**. It's that injustice, heartache, brokenness which wrecks your soul and you must do something about it. What's yours? Some of us already know what it is. Maybe we've witnessed injustice or experienced something which jolted our awareness. But maybe we've spent most of our time looking away, avoiding it. It's time for awareness. Once you recognize your **EDGE** (*your HOLY DISCONTENT*) be mindful that God has called you to join Him to bring His kingdom perspective to it.

**WRITE** out Ephesians 2:10 to keep with you over the next several weeks. Whenever you look at it, **ASK** God to open your eyes and your heart to recognize your **POINT OF IMPACT**.

*A great resource:*

**Holy Discontent** by Bill Hybels

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