

1. When we encounter poverty (homeless person, panhandler, etc.), what are some ways we can help without enabling destructive behavior?
2. Read Leviticus 19:9-10 and Isaiah 3:14-15. Describe God's vision for how society ought to interact with the poor.
3. The poor and powerless matter to God. Expand that truth beyond financial poverty. How can we understand our soul's condition as impoverished and needy?
4. What would it look like to give to the needy in secret? By contrast, what would it look like to "announce it with trumpets" in our modern context?
5. Define "hypocrite" in v. 2. How do we know if we're acting like a hypocrite? How can we avoid it?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" in v. 3? How do we do that?
7. Read Matthew 25:31-46. How does this passage flesh out the concept of "rewards"? Who is the ultimate recipient of our generosity?
8. Has God placed a person or charitable organization on your heart in response to this message?