

# "CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM"

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

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## **TEXT: PROVERBS 19:17**

#### TITLE: THE QUESTION WILL BE, "WHAT DID YOU DO?"

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. People often take advantage of the poor \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Proverbs 22:7, <sup>7</sup> *The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.*
  - 2. If possible, you do not want to be poor; you do not want to be a borrower
- B. However, we are called to lend to the poor \_
  - 1. Deuteronomy 17:8, <sup>8</sup> but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.
  - 2. Lending: There is an expectation of getting back what was lent
  - 3. Challenge: When lending to the poor, there is no expectation of getting back what was lent
  - 4. Luke 6:34, 35, <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

#### BOTH GOD, THE FATHER AND JESUS, THE CHRIST TAKE CARING FOR THE POOR SERIOUSLY

- A. Jesus inserts Himself between the poor and their needs
  - 1. Matthew 25:40, <sup>40</sup> ... 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren [sisters], you did it to Me.'
  - 2. Matthew 25:45, <sup>45</sup> ... 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'
- B. The Father inserts Himself between the poor and their needs \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Proverbs 19:17a, <sup>17</sup> He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord
  - 2. The Father takes full responsibility
- C. Am I inserting myself between the poor and their needs?
  - 1. Poor = in want/in need, subject to oppression and abuse, needing help, deliverance from trouble
  - 2. Money
  - 3. Time
  - 4. Health

#### WHEN WE LEND TO THE POOR, THE FATHER PURCHASES THE DEBT

- A. Purchasing debt...
- B. The Father purchases the debt
- C. The Father will repay back what we have given \_\_\_\_\_

D. Therefore, do not expect nor seek repayment from the person \_\_\_\_\_