

HOW TO FIGHT POVERTY

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(Proverbs 10:4)

If you do not fight poverty you will become a victim to it. No one is suppose to be poor! The reason people are poor is because they are **DISOBEDIENT** to the Word of God. The definition of the word poverty means to **LACK!**

Disobeying God will cause you to lack relationships, finances, resources, wisdom, knowledge, love, companionship, friendship, energy, etc. Poverty will not cure itself. Poverty will not heal itself. Poverty will not remove itself. You must **FIGHT** it in order to **DESTROY** it.

POVERTY IS A CURSE FROM GOD!

Proverbs 13:18

Poverty destroys people self esteem. Poverty destroys self confidence. Poverty is designed to keep you broken,

worried, stressed, overwhelmed and disappointed.
Poverty starts in the mind.

Poverty is a mindset that influences people's behavior. You cannot fight poverty if you are **WILLING TO IGNORE** the condition of your mind. Romans 12:2 says, "*We are transformed by the renewing of our mind.*" A renewed mind broadens its perspective and perception about life.

LAZINESS IS THE SEED FOR POVERTY

A Lazy person will not fight poverty. They will only complain about poverty. Lazy people do not change their condition. They criticize their condition. There are many reasons why people are poor but the primary reason is laziness.

People lack opportunities because they are too **LAZY** to pursue open doors. People lack friendships because they are too **LAZY** to show themselves friendly. People lack finances because they are too **LAZY** to learn about

finances. People **STAY** in poverty because they are too **LAZY** to fight their way out!

A SLOTHFUL PERSON CANNOT FIGHT POVERTY.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO FIGHT POVERTY

You can fight poverty naturally and spiritually. Poverty deteriorates your natural condition and it weakens your spiritual relationship with God. You need to fight poverty in **BOTH** of these realms so you can live an abundant life.

Here are some **NATURAL** weapons to use while fighting poverty.

- Learn about everything that will make you prosperous. Educate yourself. An educated person is a well equipped person. When you are educated you will

ATTRACT opportunities that will empower you to come out of the prison of poverty.

- Spend time with wise people so you can be wise. When you attain wisdom you will be able to make the best decisions that will help you **AVOID** experiencing the worst results.
- Continue to develop yourself. Increase your **VALUE** by developing your skills, talents, gifts and mind. When you become a valuable asset you will attract great opportunities.
- Invest in maintaining healthy relationships. Relationships are the **LINKS** to receiving new opportunities. When you do not have healthy relationships you will not be able to find anyone to help you out of poverty.
- Honor Authority! Honoring authority will keep you in the seat of favor.

- Work Hard! Working hard will take you further than talent. Going the extra mile will give you the **ADVANTAGE** you need to climb out of poverty.

Here are some **SPIRITUAL** weapons to use while fighting poverty.

- You must be willing to be **CORRECTED** when you are wrong. Correction is necessary if you desire to stay on the right path. Proverbs 13:18 says, "*A person who refuses correction will end up poor and disgraced, but the one who accepts correction will be honored.*"
- Exhibiting humility will help you fight poverty. Humility is a spiritual weapon because it puts God in the position to promote you. 1st Peter 5:6 says, "*Be humble under God's powerful hand so He will lift you up when the right time comes.*"
- Forsaking the system of the world and embracing the Kingdom of God will enable you to **AVOID** poverty.

Mark 10:28 says, *"Peter said to Jesus, "Look, we have left everything and followed you". Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, all those who have left houses, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or farms for me and for the Good News will get **MORE THAN THEY LEFT.**"* Becoming a Kingdom citizen will empower you to live in abundance.

- Paying tithes will prevent your money from being devoured by the enemy. Malachi 3:11 says, *"I will **STOP** the insects so they won't eat your crops. The grapes won't fall from your vines before they are ready to pick, says the Lord All powerful."* Tithing enables you to keep what you earn. You will **AVOID** being poor when you decide to **HONOR** God with your finances.

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