

# Poverty and Injustice

# Two world views

- The "Socialist" view - poverty caused by oppression
- The "Capitalist" view – poverty caused by individuals/cultures
- Both are a mixture of truth and error
- Injustice inherent in both

# The Biblical Truth

1. Poverty is not God's plan – Gen 2:12
  - Deut 8:18
2. Poverty and injustice are both a result of the Fall
  - Gen 3:17, 18
  - Isaiah 5:8
  - Micah 2:1, 2
  - James 5:1-6

# Biblical truth

## 3. Provision for the poor

- Gleaning Lev 19:9, 10
- Tithing Deut 26:12-15

## 4. Justice for the poor

- Jubilee Lev 25
- Cancelling debts Deut 15

# Biblical truth

5. Poverty and injustice have spiritual roots

- "Mammon" (Luke 16: 11, 13; Matt 6:24) is the spiritual force behind money

- Enslaved by greed and fear

"...the truth will set you free..." John 8:32

# Practical Suggestions

## 1. **Relational action** – Support marriage

- The Marriage Course
- Love After Marriage
- Defining the Relationship

## 2. **Political action** – support and **pray** for your MP and local councillors

- support Campaign for Marriage

# Practical Suggestions

**3. Educational** – Learn and teach about practical financial planning

- Poverty, Riches and Wealth
- Rich Dad Poor Dad

**4. Financial** – Help people get out of debt

- Prov 22:7

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# Practical Suggestions

**5. Spiritual** – learn how to free people from the lies and power of the demonic.

- Freedom in Christ
- Restoring the Foundations
- Stand – a journey through the Lord's Prayer