



Who is Responsible for the Hungry, the Homeless, and Healthcare?

Isaiah 58:1-8

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins. ²For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ³Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

I. Social Justice is a Bridge to the Culture

- The culture should know us by our _____, not just our _____. (John 13:35)
- Social justice is _____ by _____.
- Social justice is a portal for _____ in our culture.

II. Social Justice Unleashes the Power of God

Isaiah 58:8

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- God's _____ and the cultures change in _____ follows true religion. (Matthew 5:16)
- True _____ understands where God is at _____ and joins him. (Matthew 25:34-40)
- The care of the "least of these" is not the government's _____ but the church's _____.
- True ministry always engages the _____, cares for the body and resurrects the _____.

III. HUNGER is the Answer to Hunger

- Church today is spiritually _____ and the culture is spiritually _____.
- To a large degree, our _____ are governed by our _____.
- _____ is nothing more than God-given _____ fulfilled in improper ways.
- Without _____, you will never know or be like Christ and the culture will never know Christ.
- Only when Christ is the _____ in our lives do we find satisfaction. (John 6:47-50)

Three stages of hunger:
Emptiness,
Restlessness,
and Weakness.