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God's Heart for the Poor

God's Heart for the Poor God's Heart for the Marginalized (part 2)

God, the Poor, & the Gospel

☞ Old Testament

☞ New Testament

- Jesus
- First Century Church

☞ God's heart for the poor, the needy, and the oppressed is also reflected in the history of the church

☞ So what happened?

- The assailment on the _____ and _____ of the Word of God
- The rise of the " _____ "
- The rise of _____

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- Today—A movement towards a return to a Biblical _____

Some cautions as we seek to minister to the poor

- In the midst of ministering to the poor & standing for social justice, we must not forget that man's ultimate need is to be _____ to God. Therefore, the clear proclamation of the _____ must still be central. (Luke 19:10, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Romans 1:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
- While we are called to do what we can, we must keep in mind that suffering (including poverty, famine, injustice, war) is an inevitable part of this fallen world and will not end until the _____ of _____ (Mark 14:7, John 18:36, Matthew 24:4-14)
- In our efforts to help, we must be careful not to enable others towards bad or irresponsible behavior (2 Thessalonians 3:10)
- We have a special responsibility and calling to care for those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10)

How big is the need?

What can you do?

"Don't fail to do _____ just because you cannot do _____" —Bob Pierce

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