

Three immediate benefits of taking care of the poor:

1. God will promote our ministry, meaning he will begin to send the needy our way
2. Word will hit the streets that our ministry is the place to get help
3. God will begin to send workers + resources to meet needs--- so not only those that need help will come, but also those that are called to partner up with our ministry.

A ministry that does not reach out to the poor is not ministering to Jesus and will not see kingdom growth. Anyone who can look at the poor and not feel compelled to come to help them has lost the heart of God. God meets the needs of the poor and wants to restore their honor.

Matthew 5:3 says, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs". The poor are rich in faith, they're the ones who see that we need God. Ever since I was a little girl, I've felt that I wanted, or needed, to help the poor. Perhaps because I grew up with a "poverty mindset", I know what it's like to feel poor in spirit. One thing I can now do instead of just say and want, is I can actively serve the poor by being a part of this church, participating in adopt-a-block, feeding people, praying for and loving them, helping clean up our cities.