

# Consider the Poor

Proverbs

I. What is poverty?

II. What causes poverty

A – In some cases, Poverty is the result of sinful personal choices.

B – In other cases, poverty is the result of forces completely outside of one's control.

C – In still other cases, poverty results from a combination of the two.

# Consider the Poor

Proverbs

III. What should be done for the impoverished?

A – If it is the result of sinful personal choices, the right response is to call for repentance.

B – If it the result of forces outside of one's control, the right response is to:

(1) listen

(2) give

(3) advocate

# Proverbs on Poverty

- 19:4 a poor man is deserted by his friend
- 23:21 the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty
- 6:10-11 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber
- 28:19 he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty

## Proverbs on Poverty

- 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways
- 13:23 The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice
- 28:8 Whoever multiplies his wealth by interest and profit gathers it for him who is generous to the poor
- 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all

## Proverbs on Poverty

- 21:13 Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered
- 14:21 blessed is he who is generous to the poor
- 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed
- 22:9 Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor

# Proverbs on Poverty

29:7 A righteous man knows the rights of the poor

31:8-9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy