

Amos Part 3: The Sin Amos Confronted Greed and Oppression of the Poor

The following are four specific examples in Amos of how the wealthy and influential people of Israel blatantly violated the Law regarding the treatment of the poor:

- (1) They treated the poor as less _____ than themselves. (Amos 2:6-7)
- (2) They _____ violated the laws concerning collateral for debt. (2:8)
- (3) They saw themselves as _____ to the lives of the poor. (4:1)
- (4) They cheated the poor through dishonest business practices in the _____. (8:4-6)

New Testament Application:

- (1) You can live a life surrendered to God and _____ a lot of money, but you can't live a life to _____ money and be surrendered to God. (Matthew 6:24)
- (2) Living is not measured by what money can buy but in how life is experienced in what Jesus bought—an eternally favored relationship with _____.! (Luke 12:15, 20-21)
- (3) The Biblical mandate for Christians to end spiritual poverty with the only thing that does (The Gospel of Jesus), is not an _____ to not help the poor! (Matthew 25:33-46)

Challenge: Are you calling yourself _____ to justify not tithing to your local church, and giving generously above and beyond your tithes to the opportunities the Lord puts in front of you to advance the Gospel and love others the way He loves you?

Other passages cited: Matthew 6:25-34 Leviticus 19:9-18; 25:35-43, Deuteronomy 15:1-15; 24:10-22, Proverbs 14:21, 31; 19:17; 22:9.