



Our Lenten Journey:

Response To
God's Preferential Option for the Sinners

Preferential Option For the Sinners

Ash Wednesday, For the Mortals

Feb. 14, For the Wild

Feb. 21, For the Sinful

Feb. 28, For the Wondering

Mar. 6, For the Powerless

Mar. 13, For the Poor

Mar. 20, For "He Who Comes"

Maundy Thursday, For the Dying [at Savage]

Good Friday, For the Forsaken [at Lanham]

Easter Sunday, For the Living among the Dead

God's Preferential Option For the Poor



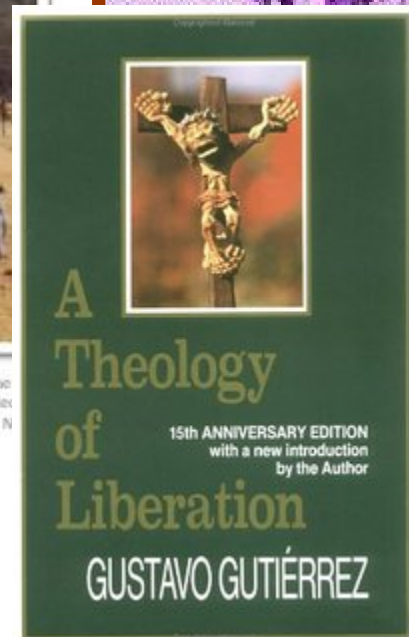
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The Bible teaches us to take extra special care of the most vulnerable people in society.

We should try to create a more fair world.



Makeshift shelters made with sticks, blankets and plastic sheeting are the means of shade or warmth for many of the Malian refugees who have fled West African food crisis situation in N



God's Preferential Option

God's Redemptive Activity as an Aim **For the Poor**
in the Promised Land **Deuteronomy 15**



When is the **Shēmittah?**

Deuteronomy 15:1

Sabbatical "Release"

*Love your neighbor and the humanity
Provide REST & RELEASE from Large Burdens & Obligations*



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For the Poor *Deuteronomy 15*

Double Blessings for the Poor:

The Sabbath - A Provision for freedom in Time!

A Provision for Freedom in Space - The Land

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So give to the poor; I'm begging you, I'm warning you, I'm commanding you, I'm ordering you.

(Saint Augustine)

Beginning "The Roman Catholic Church" - 4th Cen.

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FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

Global Health



Congregational Development



Leadership Development

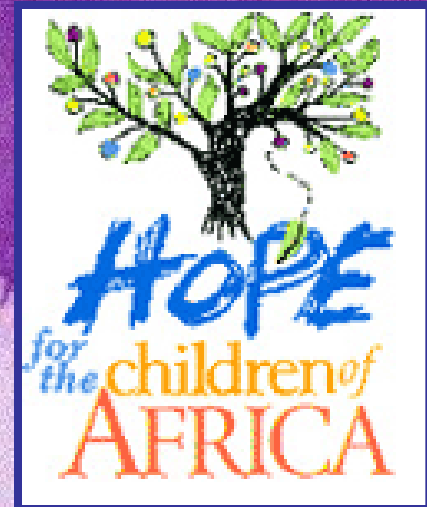


Ministry with the Poor

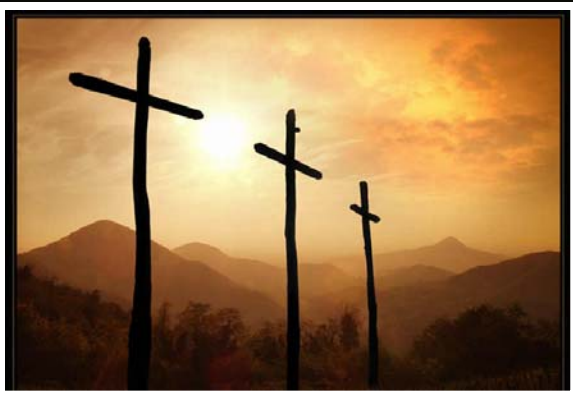


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40 Things **to Give up for Lent**

1. Fear of Failure
2. Your Comfort Zone
3. Feelings of Unworthiness
4. Impatience
5. Retirement
6. People Pleasing
7. Comparison
8. Blame
9. Guilt
10. Overcommitment
11. Lack of Counsel
12. Impurity
13. Entitlement
14. Apathy
15. Hatred
16. Negativity
17. The Spirit of Poverty
18. Going Through the Motions
19. Complaint
20. The Pursuit of Happiness
21. Bitterness
22. Distraction
23. Giving up
24. Mediocrity
25. Destructive Speech
26. Busyness
27. Loneliness
28. Disunity
29. the Quick Fix
30. Worry
31. Idolizing
32. Resistance to Change
33. Pride
34. A Small View of God
35. Envy
36. Ungratefulness
37. Selfish Ambition
38. Self-Sufficiency
39. Sorrow
40. My Life

A black and white photograph of a woman in a patterned dress walking on a path, with a large, gnarled tree trunk in the foreground.

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YOU ARE WHAT YOU OWE: A SNAPSHOT OF PERSONAL DEBT IN CANADA

Mortgages, loans, lines of credit and credit cards make getting into debt easy. Getting out of debt is another story. Step one: know what you owe

\$1.3 trillion
Total amount of debt owed by Canadians

\$1 trillion
Total amount of mortgage debt owed (up from \$650.8 billion in 2005)

\$145,000
Median value of mortgages on principal residences (up 41.6% from 2005)

\$144.9 billion
Total debts in lines of credit (up from \$77.5 billion in 2005)

\$15,000
Median line of credit (up from \$10,200 in 2005)

\$75.8 billion
Loans on owned vehicles (up 44.6% from 2005)

About 40%
Percentage of Canadian families that carried an outstanding balance on their credit cards

\$3,000
The median amount owed on credit cards

16 years
How long it will take to pay off a \$3,000 credit card balance if you only pay the monthly minimum of \$10

\$2,798.88
The interest costs (based on an interest rate of 18%) of paying only the monthly minimum on a \$3,000 credit card balance

\$28.3 billion
The total amount owed in student loans

\$10,000
Median value of student loans

1 in 8
Proportion of families with student loans

NOTE: All data is for 2012
SOURCE: Survey of Financial Security, 2012 Statistics Canada

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What is Poverty?

- ❑ Lack of shelter
- ❑ Lack of food
- ❑ Lack of education
- ❑ Not being able to pay off debts
- ❑ Not having good health



POOR PEOPLE ARE OFTEN MOST GENEROUS



DEBT IS THE
WORST
POVERTY

THOMAS FULLER

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Forgiveness

is the best form of love..

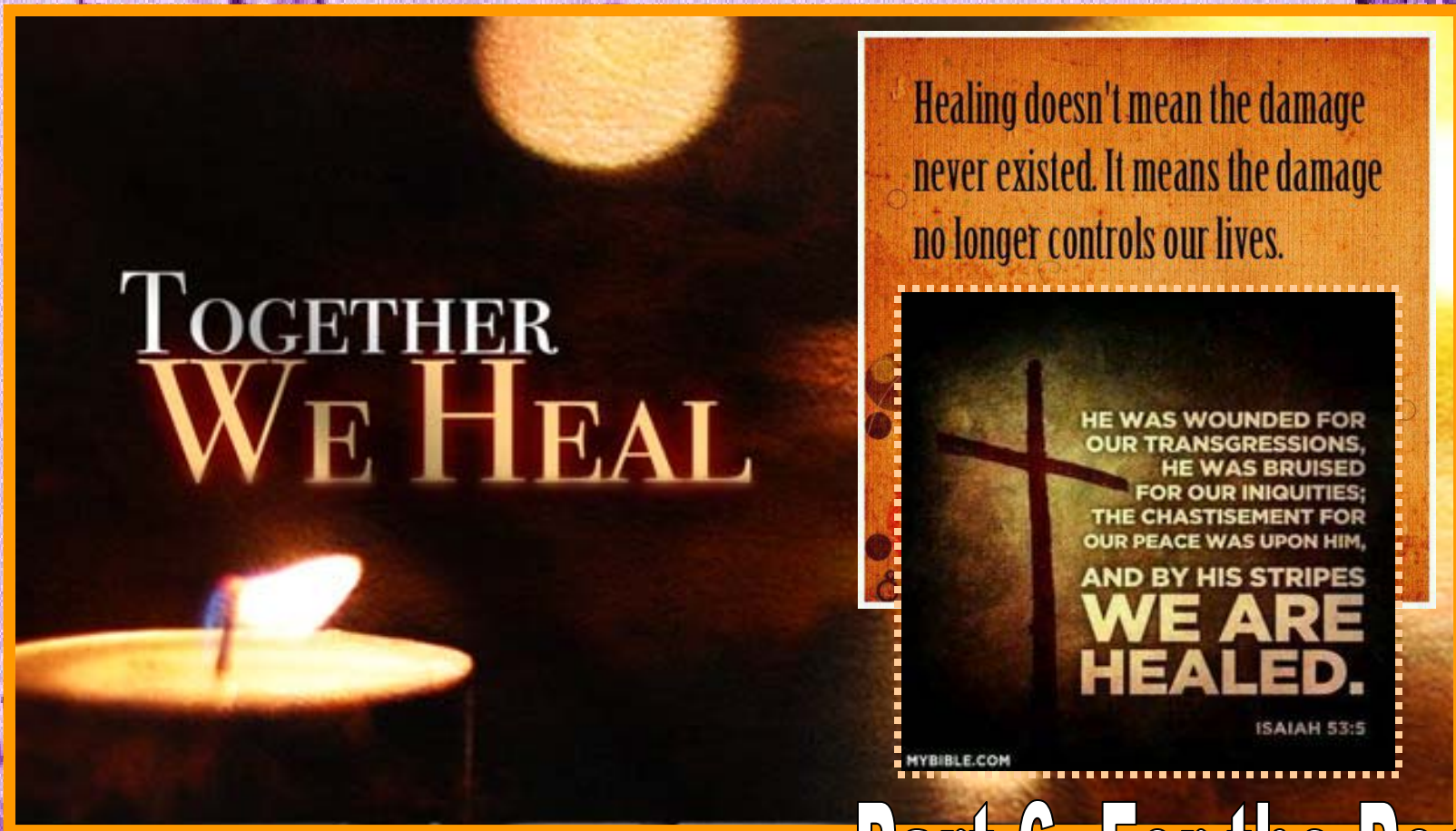
It takes a strong person to say sorry
and an ever stronger person to forgive...

Prepare a gift of love during Lent

It's the Year of "Compassion"

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YOU SHALL OPEN WIDE YOUR
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TO THE NEEEDY AND POOR IN
YOUR LAND.

-DEUTERONOMY 15:11

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Give Like Jesus

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Remember His Inaugural Speech!

“The **Spirit** of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the **POOR**... to set at **LIBERTY** those who are oppressed, to proclaim the **YEAR** of the **LORD'S FAVOR**,”
Luke 4:18-19

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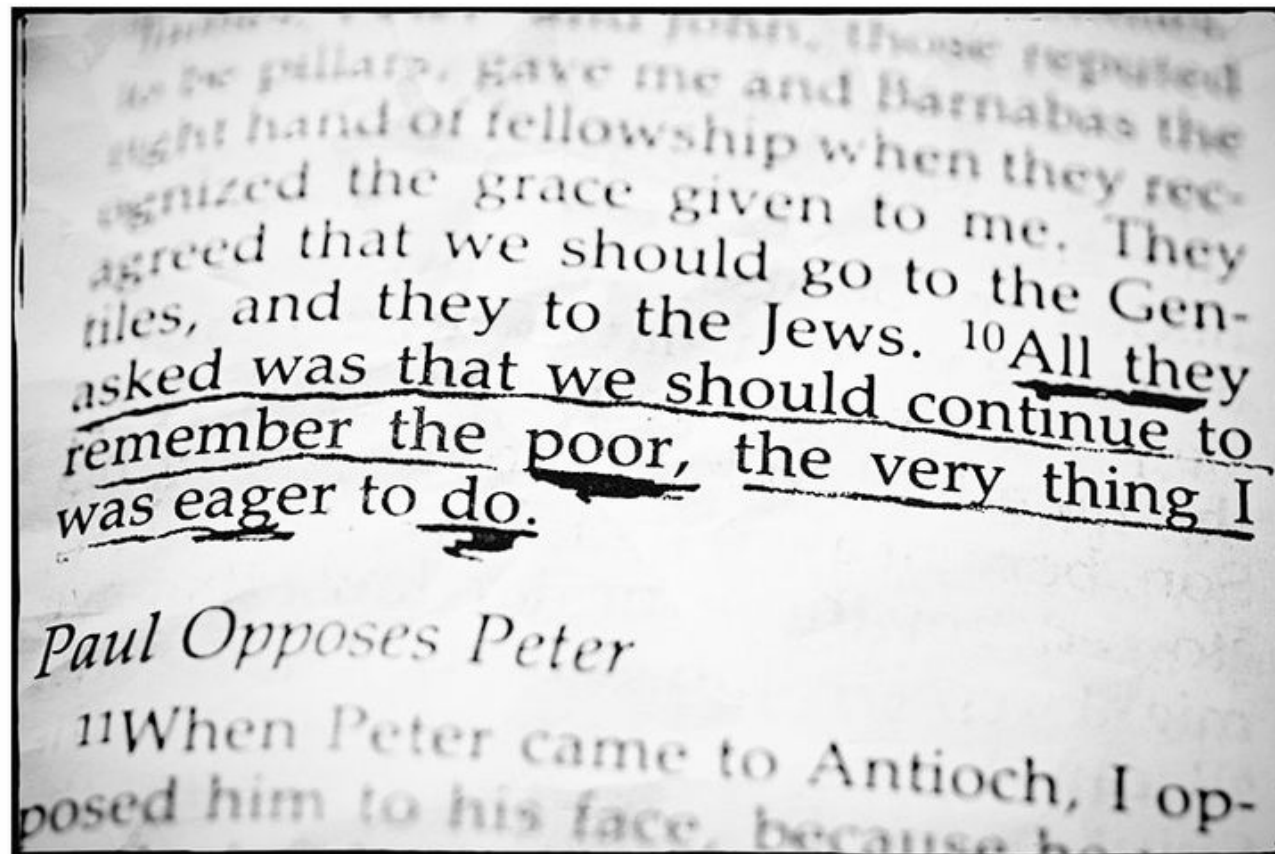
DEUTERONOMY 15:10 (NLT)
Give generously to the poor, **NOT GRUDGINGLY.**
for the Lord your God will
bless you in everything you do.

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...to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. ¹⁰ All they remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Paul Opposes Peter

¹¹ When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he...

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Galatians 2:10

NIV

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3. Do not show ill will toward your needy brothers and sisters.

Love Thy Neighbor

Thy Homeless Neighbor

Thy Muslim Neighbor

Thy Black Neighbor

Thy Gay Neighbor

Thy White Neighbor

Thy Jewish Neighbor

Thy Transgendered Neighbor

Thy Christian Neighbor

Thy Atheist Neighbor

Thy Racist Neighbor

Thy Addicted Neighbor

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“There should exist
among the citizens
neither extreme
poverty nor again
excessive **wealth**,
for both are productive
of great **evil.**”
- Plato

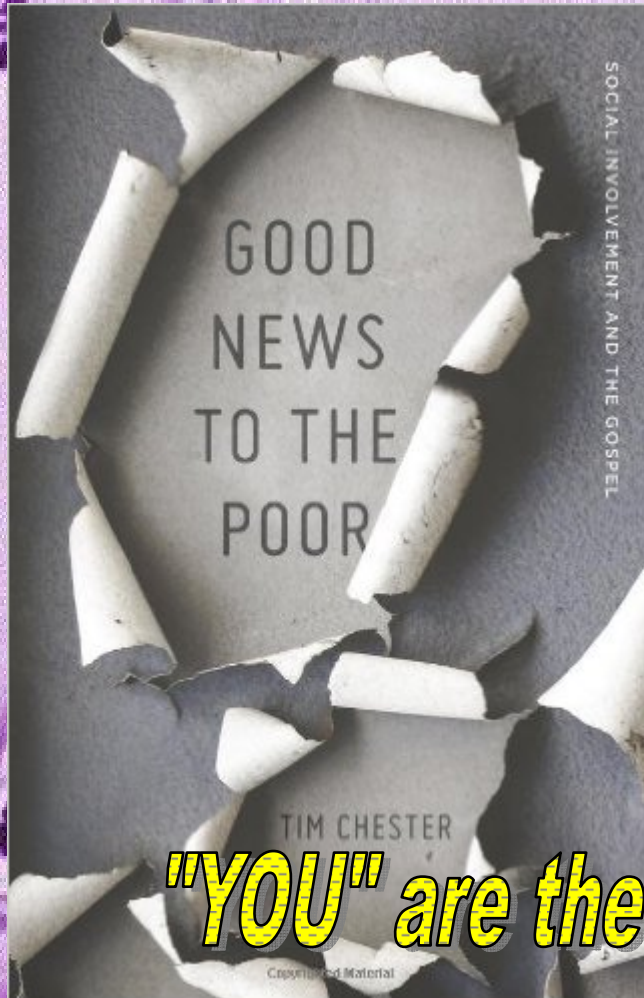
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"YOU" are the Good News to the Poor.

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