

Chapter 16

Poverty

Questions for Discussion and Reflection

1. What are the Bible's key teachings about wealth, poverty, and needs of the poor?
2. What would you see as primary causes of poverty?
3. "Justice in practice involves at least five concepts." Have you violated any of these concepts this week?
4. Justice and mercy are both important themes in the Bible. It is easy to act with indifference to hurting people. How have you responded to hurting people this week?
5. God calls for a compassionate response to the sick, the poor, widows, orphans, outcasts, prisoners, refugees, strangers and aliens. Who are these in your town? What ministries are working with each of these groups?
6. Why do the authors say that there is nothing in the Code of Ethics making engineers responsible for solving the problem of poverty?
7. "Love of money instead of love for people results in all sorts of evil." Have you battled this evil recently?
8. Do you view the "poor" as being more spiritual than those who have more money than you?
9. "There are no 'undeserving poor.' There are only poor. All of us are undeserving when it comes to God's grace." Do you agree? Why or why not?
10. How might the "gleaning" concept be practiced in your community?
11. Do you see a difference between overseas poverty and poverty in this country?
12. What steps could you, as an engineer, take to diminish poverty?
13. How might you live more simply?