

# Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

**Eph. 1:18 (TLB)** *I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future he has called you to share . . .*

The average American spends \_\_\_\_\_ for every \$1.00 earned.

Credit is a **trap that creates a vicious cycle** in your life!

We all need to understand that the **happiest people** in the world are not those who have the most, but those who \_\_\_\_\_ the most.

## Tithing is Biblical

- Before the Law - Gen. 14:18
- During the Law - Deut. 14:22
- After the Law - Matt. 23:23

**I Cor. 16:1-2 (NIV)** *Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*

## Giving

1. **Systematic** - "On the first day of every week" - consistently
2. **Everyone** - "each one of you" - nobody was exempt
3. **Proportionate** - "sum of money in keeping with his income"

**Gen. 12:2 (NIV)** *" . . . I will bless you . . . and you will be a blessing."*

Poverty is the \_\_\_\_\_ to give.

The quickest way to implement change is to face the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Is. 1:19 (TLB)** *"If you will only let me help you, if you will only obey, then I will make you rich!"*

**Gen. 2:18** *"It is not good for man to be alone"*

**God's plan is to bless you -**  
He wants **His purposes**  
**to prevail** in your life!

