

# WELL VERSED | CHAPTER 16

## W e l f a r e

1. The United States declared a “War on Poverty” under President Lyndon B. Johnson. How did that work out? (144)
2. What are the solutions to poverty?
3. How is poverty and economics impacted if a family stays together - with a mom and dad getting a high school diploma first, getting married second, having babies third, and staying together to raise them? (144-146)
4. Is there dignity in work? In having a job? (146-147)
5. What happens if the faith communities in America were given a 3 1/3% annual tax collected by the government for the purpose of ministering to the poor by the millions of volunteers who comprise the churches of America? Since it is locally administered, what would happen to the free-loaders? Could waste, fraud and abuse be reduced?
6. Some will claim that the church should not be involved in this because that would be a violation of the separation of church and state, but where in the Constitution, in the Enumerated Powers, is the state called upon to do what it is doing? What if the government stayed with what it is good at (national defense, restraining evil and protecting the citizenry) and the church was allowed to do what it is good at (living out the hands and feet of Jesus in many hurting communities, families and persons?) Would this would be the true separation and state that is ordained by God and even recognized by our own Constitution? (148)
7. How well is the present system working considering that we have more than 80 anti-poverty programs administering \$750 Billion annually, and yet 46 million Americans are poor today and the poverty rate is not decreasing? What is the problem?