

# Care for the Poor - a biblical perspective

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# A Biblical Theology of Care for the Poor

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Proverbs 13:23: The uncultivated field of the poor yields abundant food, but without justice it is swept away.



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Proverbs 14:20 – a poor person is hated even by his neighbour, but there are many who love the rich.

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Proverbs 14:31 – the one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honours him.



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- How does the Bible respond?

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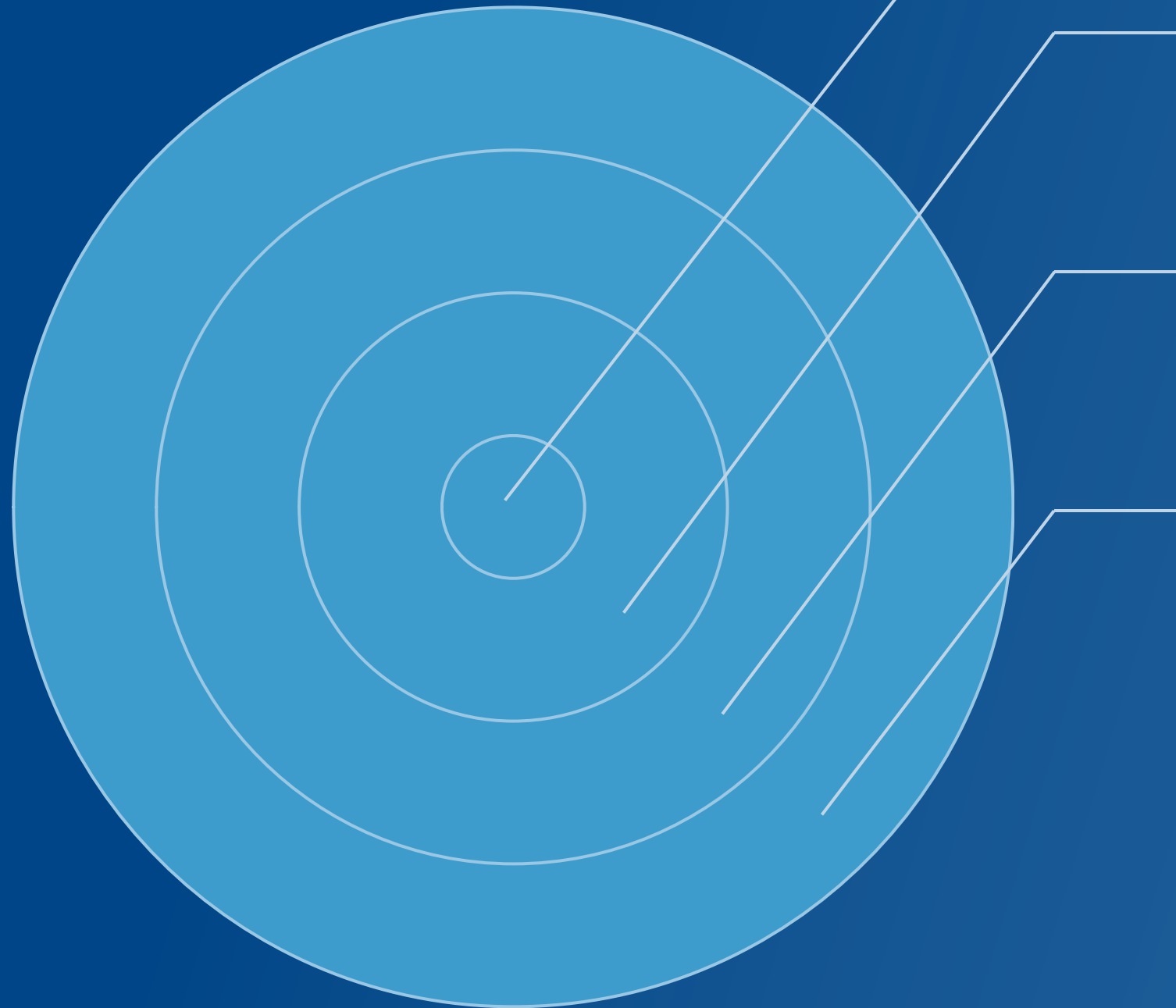
- How does the Bible respond? The Old Testament
  - Exodus 22:21-23:9
  - Leviticus 19:9-18 and 25:23-55
  - Deuteronomy 15:1-18 and 24:10-22



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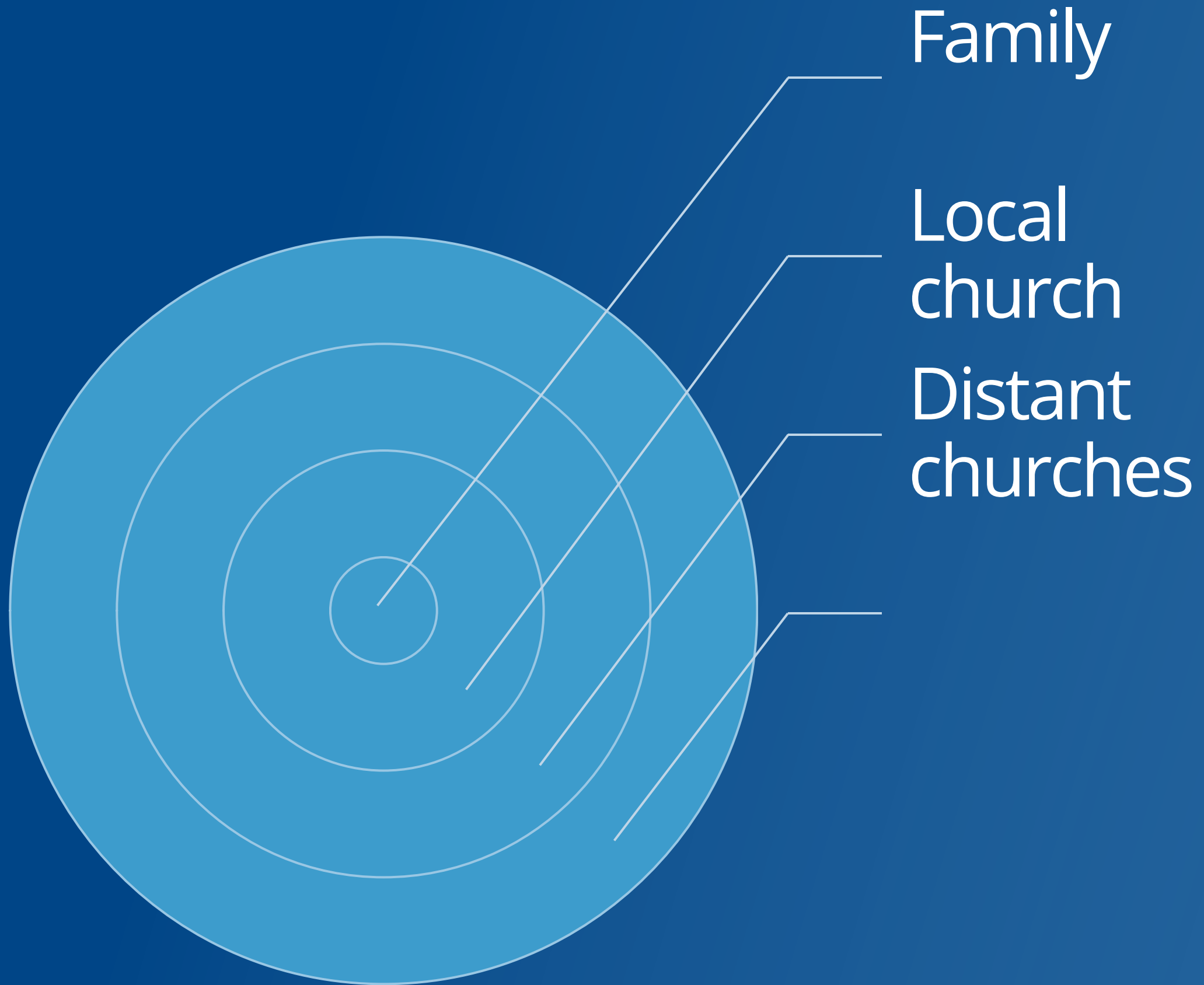


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1 Timothy 5:8: But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.







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Galatians 6:10: Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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- How does the Bible respond?

Why is the gospel good news to the poor?



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What motivates God's people to care for the poor?





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  - Responding to poverty is vital, but complex

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- What does this mean for us?
  - God's people respond to poverty in distinctly Christian ways

