

## Sermon Outline: 2.18.18

Sermon Series: **Offensive Christianity**

Sermon Title: ***The Communion of Poverty & Prosperity***

Sermon Text: Hebrews 13:16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1-4; Romans 15:16

([I'dl](#) review the message from last week using the following summaries.)

### Offensive Christianity

***The Truth will offend...***

A dark/deceived culture,  
And an erring Christian.

### The Dichotomy of Poverty & Prosperity

***Dichotomy*** defined:

*“Division into two parts, groups, or classes,  
sharply distinguished or opposed.”*

Rich > *Arrogant & Condescending to Poor*

Poor > *Envious & Resentful to Rich*

### Poverty & Prosperity Observations

***There Will Always Be Poor People***

***Most Americans Are Not Poor***

***God Calls the Haves to Help the Have-Nots***

***Neither Is More or Less Valuable to God***

***None of Us Really Own Anything***

([This week's](#) message begins below.)

([Hebrews 13:16](#)) ([2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1-4](#)) ([Romans 15:16](#))

Romans 15:16 ó ð*Contribution*ö

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:4 ó ð*Fellowship*ö

Hebrews 13:6 ó ð*Communicate*ö

ð*Koinonia*ö ó Share life with

### Developing Communion Between Poverty & Prosperity

***Lose the “Have To” Mentality***

***Recognize the Virtue & Value of Work***

([Genesis 2:15](#)) ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)) ([Galatians 5:6](#)) ([1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:17-19](#))

***Beware of the Seduction of More***

([1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:9-10](#), [6:6-8](#))

***Practice the Grace of Generosity***

([2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:2-4](#)) ([Acts 20:35](#))

***Hand-Ups are Better than Hand-Outs***

([2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:10-12](#))

***Invest Wisely in Eternal Treasures***

([Luke 12:15-21](#)) ([Matthew 6:19-21](#)) ([Mark 10:21](#))

Jim Elliot:

***“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”***