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**Catholic Social Teaching
Directed Reading Guide
Chapter Seven—Catholic Social Justice: Justice and Poverty**

Directions: As you are reading through the chapter, fill in the missing information.

Pages 146-164—The Scourge of Poverty

1. The root word of poverty can be translated as “_____.”
2. Poverty of the _____ refers to psychological or spiritual suffering.
3. _____ poverty refers to a lack of the necessary means of survival including food and shelter.
4. The evidence of material poverty shows that _____ sin weakens the global community and creates unequal access to water and health care, among other necessities.
5. The Bible describes those who are poor and marginalized—tax collectors, lepers, and orphans, among others. In a short paragraph explain who the “poor” are in today’s society and why we are called to serve them.
6. For the Israelites of the Old Testament, during the _____ land was not to be farmed, debts were forgiven, and slaves were to be let go as a way of keeping equality and balance among the tribes.
7. The doctrine of the _____ demonstrates God’s love for humanity and how we should be in solidarity with the poor.
8. The parable of the Good Samaritan shows how even love of _____ is an important aspect of serving the needy.
9. The primary cause of global hunger is the lack of basic goods or _____.
10. List the four central structural causes of hunger:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
11. A response to world hunger is the proper management of earthly goods, also known as the CST principle of _____.
12. True or False (if false, explain why): The Eucharist is an example of how the world is naturally broken.
13. True or False (if false, explain why): The Preferential Option for the Poor means that we should prefer to become poor ourselves to help others.

14. An important Christian dimension of responding to poverty is to recognize that moral principles should shape our _____ life.

15. The four legs of the table where all are invited to eat, worship, and gather recognizes the role of families, community organizations, business institutions, and the government. The primary focus on the family recognizes _____, namely that human welfare is best achieved at the most immediate level.

16. A key aspect of eliminating poverty is to have society as a whole _____ the poor to help themselves.

17. Meeting the fundamental needs of the poor must precede our desire for luxury consumer goods and profits that do not serve the _____.