

THEOLOGY PUB

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Questions for Reflection

1. What do we do with knowledge like we've learned about tonight from The Sold Project? Does it overwhelm you? Depress you? Anger you?
2. If we agree that it's important to work for social justice - what is it that DRIVES our desire to do that work?
3. If you are a person of faith - is your drive any different than that of someone who doesn't claim a faith tradition?
4. What are your thoughts about activism? Are there times when we really need to FIGHT for social justice or is it always better to go the way of Gandhi and the peaceful revolution?

Nuggets of Wisdom

Love is the final fight.
-John Perkins

Preach the Gospel, if necessary, use words.
-St. Francis of Assisi

I have 3 things I'd like to say today. 1st, while you were sleeping last night, 30,000 kids died of starvation or diseases related to malnutrition. 2nd, most of you don't give a shit. What's worse is that you're more upset with the fact that I said shit than the fact that 30,000 kids died last night.
-Tony Campolo

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-The Mission of Faith House Manhattan
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Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can!

-John Wesley

While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight, I'll fight to the very end!"

-William Booth, founder and general of the Salvation Army

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn...

-Isaiah 61:1-2 / Luke 4:18-19

Be the change you wish to see in the world.
-Gandhi

"God, give us grace....to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, the courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

-Reinhold Niebuhr

"It's crucial for people of faith to fight for social justice issues & be involved in activism." Agree/disagree...

As a church, we should be a community of justice, but there is much to be said for the Anabaptist model of making sure justice happens locally, and not expecting the kingdoms of this world to act like the kingdom of God. But even if we are called to fight for justice in the world through activism, there seems to be people whose call is not to the front lines--thinkers, prayers, caregivers, etc. I guess I believe in an activist church, but grant that there may be non-activist Christians.

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