

Twelve Spiritual Advantages to Serving the Poor

1. By serving the poor, we will feel close to Jesus and experience His presence.
2. By serving the poor, we will learn something about the Kingdom of God that belongs to the poor in a special way and will cause us to wonder.
3. By serving the poor, we will see words and events from the Gospel leap off the page and come to life before our very eyes.
4. By serving the poor, we will learn to distinguish a true need from a false need, and a real crisis from an artificial crisis.
5. By serving the poor we will be humbled, perplexed and at times, exasperated.
6. By serving the poor, we will be free from the worship of efficiency.
7. By serving the poor, we will learn how selfish we are and we will confront our selfishness and the limits of our generosity.
8. By serving the poor we will come to hunger and thirst for justice.
9. By serving the poor our hearts will be broken open.
10. By serving the poor, we will be forced to confront inescapably the realities and questions of life.
11. By serving the poor, we will discover JOY
12. By serving the poor, we will have friends and advocates in the kingdom of heaven.