

# Identity & Vocation

## *Challenges for the Poor & Non-Poor*

	Identity	Vocation
<b>Poor</b>	Believing that they are made in the image of God and are God's children	Believing they have gifts to contribute and that they are called to be productive stewards of creation
<b>Non-Poor</b>	Laying down their god-complexes and believing that they are made in God's image and are not, themselves, gods.	Believing that their gifts are for sharing, not control, and that they are to lead as servants, not masters.

Figure 6-2 from *Walking with the Poor* by Bryant L. Myers (p. 178)



## BUILDING SECURE LIVELIHOODS

Aimed at helping poor rural families with children, this approach aims to build secure and resilient livelihoods. Over the course of three to five years, farming households learn how to: be more productive and profitable through sustainable agriculture, access financial services to provide safety nets and help their businesses grow, use market and risk information to help them access markets more effectively. None of this would be successful however without a strong focus on empowering families to take control of their own future by dispelling the self-perception that the extreme poor are dependent, uneducated and incapable of change. We know that this mind-set can severely limit aspirations, self-worth and future potential.



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people were empowered to produce their own food and income through improved agriculture<sup>4</sup> in 2017.