

*“[O]ne of the biggest problems in many poverty-alleviation efforts is that their design and implementation exacerbates the poverty of being of the economically rich - their god-complexes - and the poverty of being of the economically poor - their feelings of inferiority and shame. The way that we act toward the economically poor often communicates - albeit unintentionally - that we are superior and they are inferior. And here is the clincher: this dynamic is likely to be particularly strong whenever middle-to-upper class, North American Christians try to help the poor, given these Christians’ tendency toward a Western, materialistic perspective of the nature of poverty.”*

*-When Helping Hurts, p. 62*