January 10, 2016 THOSE CHRONICALLY NEEDY PEOPLE THOSE PEOPLE – PART 2 Proverbs 14:31 / 2 Thessalonians 3:10 Rocky Purvis, Senior Pastor

- The world is filled with <u>needy people</u>. Deuteronomy 15:11
- The Bible is clear. We are to <u>help</u> people in need. Proverbs 14:31, Romans 12:13 (CEV)

There are two primary ways we help:

- 1. <u>Relief</u>
- 2. <u>Restore</u>

But what about those who are chronically needy?

- The Incurably Insecure
- The <u>Victim</u>
- The Drama Queen or King
- The Financial <u>Freeloader</u>

How do we help without enabling?

- 1. Offer what they <u>need</u>, not what they <u>want</u>. Acts 3:6-7
- 2. Set healthy <u>boundaries</u>. Mark 1:35-37
 - <u>Time</u> boundaries
 - <u>Resource</u> boundaries
- Allow them to face the <u>consequences</u> of their decisions.
 2 Thessalonians 3:10, Galatians 6:7-8
- 4. Never forget that <u>God</u> is the answer. Psalm 70:5