Social Justice
Exodus 22 & 23
introduction

“He’s got more problems that Carter has liver pills!”

- Blackie
social justice

noun: social justice
justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

And with all your soul.

And with all your mind.

And love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:27
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• Premarital Sex

• Migrants

• Widows and the fatherless
Social Justice & Premarital Sex

- Ex 22:16-17
- 1Co 7:9
- Heb 13:4
- Gal 5:19&23
- Deu 23:2
• Illegitimate: *mamzêr*: a bastard...

• “*Mamzerut* is as old as the Torah but remains shrouded in stigma, secrecy and shame. It is so taboo that people don’t utter the word mamzer in polite company outside of Torah study. It’s used as a curse word.”
“...premarital sex is a social justice issue. It involves the well-being of disempowered people, women and children in particular. ...consistency as well as charity demand that we take quite seriously marital acts without marital vows.”

• “Marital Acts Without Marital Vows: Social Justice and Premarital Sex”, Christopher Kaczor
It is a basic principle of social justice that we should **not** harm or needlessly risk harming our neighbor, particularly our disempowered neighbor.
The Emotional Costs of Hooking Up

“The more partners women have in the course of their lives, the more likely they are to be depressed, to cry almost every day, and to report relatively low satisfaction with their lives.”

(Hallfors)
Sexually Active Teenagers Are More Likely to Be Depressed and to Attempt Suicide – Heritage Foundation

“...sexually active girls are nearly three times more likely to attempt suicide than are girls who are not sexually active.”
“Unplanned motherhood ... represents a threat so great to modern women that it is perceived as equivalent to a ‘death of self.’”

(Swope)
“Single-parent families are not able to do well economically .... In fact, most teeter on the economic brink, and many fall into poverty and welfare dependency.”

(Whitehead)
“These new families are not an improvement on the nuclear family, nor are they even just as good, whether you look at outcomes for children or outcomes for society as a whole.”

(Whitehead)
“As much as we might like to see the slogan 'Adoption, Not Abortion' embraced by women, this study suggests that in pitting adoption against abortion, adoption will be the hands-down loser.”

(Swope)
reflection

Christians are concerned about social justice.

Luke 4:18-19
reflection

Need to have an answer
reflection

Finally we need to remember from where we came.

1 Co 6:9&11
“...grace shall be our theme forever, when we recall the depths out of which it lifted us, and the heights to which it raised us.”

– F.B. Meyer
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