

ATTITUDES TO POVERTY

The Jubilee+ book *The Myth of the Undeserving Poor* was written due to a growing concern with media narratives around poverty in Britain today. Headlines such as:

“Benefits mum has baby no. 12”

“4m scrounging families in Britain” and

“75% on sick are skiving”

are anything but rare. That’s why we set out to explore to what extent Christians in Britain think about poverty is shaped by biblical values compared to other factors.

We found that what Christians think about poverty in Britain today is just as likely to be influenced by political preferences, their choice of media, and proximity to poverty.

You can order *The Myth of the Undeserving Poor*, by Martin Charlesworth and Natalie Williams, online.

Other online resources

Church Action on Poverty

Similarly to Jubilee+, Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian charity concerned with social justice. They work with churches and with people in poverty to find solutions that will close the gap between the rich and the poor.

www.church-poverty.org.uk

Real Benefits Street

The *Real Benefits Street* website is a vehicle for people receiving benefits to tell their stories, which challenge the stereotypes and myths put forward by some of the mainstream media. Through videos and articles, real people on benefits tell of the choices they have to make on a daily basis.

www.realbenefits-street.com

The Lies We Tell Ourselves

Tackling six specific myths about poverty in Britain today, this report was published by the Joint Public Issues Team (combining the expertise of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church, the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church).

www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/truthandliesaboutpoverty

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