

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Better Than Charity (20 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Prep

Print this page and a copy of Page 2 for each student.

Instructions

1. This activity helps students see how private charities are more efficient than government welfare programs, practicing some aspects of running their own charities.
2. Watch the five-minute short film “Better Than Charity:” www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa7gMMGJI_Y
3. (If that link doesn’t work, cut and paste the URL in your Internet browser.)
4. Ask students these questions:
 - “How much has the ‘War on Poverty’ cost Americans so far?”
\$27 TRILLION
 - “What kind of ‘class’ has it created?”
A DEPENDENT-ON-WELFARE CLASS
 - “What was happening to poverty in America before the War on Poverty, and what has happened since?”
IT WAS DECLINING, BUT A FEW YEARS AFTER IT WAS IMPLEMENTED, IT LEVELED OUT.
 - What happened when Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg gave \$100 million to New Jersey public schools?”
THE MONEY BASICALLY DISAPPEARED, EVEN TO THE POINT OF STUDENTS NOT HAVING ENOUGH BOOKS, AND NO IMPROVEMENT WAS MADE.
 - “How has capitalism helped the poor?”
250 YEARS AGO, 94 PERCENT OF THE WORLD LIVED IN “EXTREME POVERTY”; NOW ABOUT 8 PERCENT DOES. CAPITALISM PROVIDES JOBS FOR THE POOR, GIVES US PRODUCTS WE NEED AND WANT, ETC.
5. Hand out Page 2 to students.
6. Give students 8-10 minutes to complete the scenarios and bottom questions.
7. When time’s up, discuss as a class. (Take turns calling on all students!)

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The short film “Better Than Charity” showed that the Doe Fund has certain requirements of those who take advantage of their program. If you were running a charity, what requirements would you make of those you allow to participate in it?

Requirement #1:	Why You Would Require This of Participants:	Requirement #2:	Why You Would Require This of Participants:
Requirement #3:	Why You Would Require This of Participants:	Requirement #4:	Why You Would Require This of Participants:
Requirement #5:	Why You Would Require This of Participants:	Requirement #6:	Why You Would Require This of Participants: