



Suggested Videos

Robert Woodson on Effective Charity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoLONv03UYc> (2 minutes, 5 seconds)

“The foundation of any healthy relationship is reciprocity.” What does “reciprocity” mean? Do you agree that it is the foundation of a “healthy relationship?” Why or why not?

What does it mean to be “grassroots?”

Why is it important for a person’s dignity to be respected in a social service program?

Bob Woodson says that it is important to “ennoble” other people in order to help them. What does it mean to “ennoble” someone? Do you agree with this idea? Why or why not?

Vocabulary – Therapeutic, Autonomous, Metaphor, Ennoble

Robert Woodson: Local Leaders as “Antibodies” Fighting Urban Poverty [PovertyCure Voices]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBU3w5x1t7Q> (2 minutes, 47 seconds)

“What we do traditionally in helping poor people in neighborhoods is we apply the moral equivalent of a transplant...If someone is unemployed, there’s a program...”

Instead, Bob Woodson says, “Let’s look at the remedy that’s closest to the problem.” Do you think this is a good approach to solving problems in poor neighborhoods? Why or why not? What are some remedies that are close to the problem?

“We ask questions that professional service industry and scholars never ask of poor people. We ask them not how many children are dropping out of school or in jail or on drugs...we want to know how many people are raising children that have not succumbed to the lure of drug addiction...” How is this a helpful question to ask? How might this change the perspective of people trying to help?

What does Woodson mean by saying, “in poverty, but not of poverty?”

What do you think of the metaphor that grassroots leaders are like “antibodies” that can “heal” a neighborhood? How would this work?

Vocabulary – Credible, Intrusive, Indigenous, Antibodies