Fate of the less fortune

Student name

[Institutional Affiliation(s)]

**Stewardship**

According to the Catholic Church, stewardship means humans having responsibility for the world as they have to take care of their fellow people and things. Stewardship is the management of whatever a person surrounds not only for the sake of its preservation but also for administrating it for his master. According to the Catholic Church, wealth is not a bad thing that must offered to poor when they are in crisis rather according to the teaching of the Church, it is something that could be used for good, but may be used for evil at the same time. The central teaching of the Church in wealth is, it must be used for helping others so that their lives could be improved.

Class discrimination is also factored due to which income is not divided equally as shown in “The Blind Side”. Being considered as outsider in society, is also a major cause due to which Africans were not given opportunities as it could be seen that Michael was born and raised in the African-American poor and was taken as an outsider. Education is also portrayed as a cause of income inequality in this movie as it has been seen that he could not even focus on his studies due to the financial challenges that his family was facing. Throughout the movie, it could be seen that African-Americans are oppressed and tormented due to the class gap created.

**Distribution of income**

Income distribution is the equality or the smoothness with which income is dealt among the members of the society. It has been witnessed that if all the people would earn the same amount of money, then the income distribution would be perfect, but in reality, income distribution falls between equal and unequal. Distribution of income lies at the heart of an enduring problem in the political economy so the government should redistribute income equally. Generally, when people refer towards things like "the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer" it points towards the distribution of income. It is the way how income is distributed among the people of nations, at different levels. For example, if a pie represents income earned by people of the nation, then the pie given to different classes (poor, middle and rich) would represent the distribution of income.

Labor market inequality is also another cause of income inequality. African-Americans are not given the same work opportunities as white Americans are given. For instance, a conversation between Leigh Ann and Denise Oher meet each other at Denise's home. A clear distinction in the two classes could be seen (one lady well settled and a devout Christian and on the other hand, one who could not find a job and becomes a drug addict.

One of the central examples of stewardship that could be viewed in this movie is the way Leigh Anne uses her resources and wealth for improving the life of Michael. She not only provides him with all the necessities of life but only also helps him in changing the world for good. Leigh encourages him to set a goal for which he could put all his efforts. A practical example of the teaching of the Bible regarding wealth could be seen in “The Blind Side” as a family provides its helping hand to someone who is in dire need of clothes, food, and shelter. Leigh and her family not only provide him with all that he needed but also encourages him to work hard for making his mark by showing his hard work and devotion to the gridiron.

**Poverty and poverty line in Canada**

Poverty is a state of lacking the necessities of life or socially acceptable amount of material possessions and money. Poverty exists when people lack to meet their basic needs to survive i.e. food, cloth, and shelter. It could be termed as being hungry but having no money, being sick but not being able to get treatment, etc.

The poverty line is the minimum level of income deemed adequate in a country which is usually determined by calculating the cost of all the resources consumed by a person in a year. In Canada, Market Basket Measure is used for knowing the cost of a specific basket (containing goods and services) that represents the basic standard of living and then these costs are directly compared with the family incomes for knowing the poverty line. One of the most evident scenes which depict Michael as being below the poverty line is when at night he rushes to the school gym where he could spend the night because of its warmth as he does not have any place to live and used to sleep wherever he finds a place.

**Reasons and causes of income inequality**

Reasons and causes of income inequality include the difference in education and skills, technology considering the movie “The Blind Side” it could be said that there are various reasons and causes of wealth distribution being portrayed. In this movie, Michael went at the top from the bottom leaving all the hurdles behind. Though there are various causes and reasons for income inequality highlighted in this movie which served as a hurdle for Michael but the central one is race. Michael belonged to an African-American family and was surrounded by financial challenges. Racism was at the peak at the time, as had been portrayed in this movie and African-Americans were not given any of the chances for improving their financial conditions or social status.

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