**Poverty - Funnies**

**Personally, I’ve never read the Hippocratic Oath that doctors take – but I think it’s against poverty. (The American Legion magazine)**

In an exclusive private school near California’s Silicon Valley, a third-grade teacher was lecturing her upper-middle-class students about the less fortunate. She asked them to write an essay on a poor family in the area. One little girl’s paper began: “Once upon a time there was a poor family. The father was poor. The mother was poor. The children were poor. The nannies were poor. The pool man was poor. The personal trainer was poor.” (Rocky Russo, in Reader’s Digest)

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**A schoolteacher was impressing her pupils about being honest in all things. “Suppose,” she asked the class, “you were walking along Main Street and found a briefcase that contained $500,000, a half million dollars in cash! What would you do?” Little Johnny in the back row raised both his hands and the teacher called on him. “Well,” said Johnny, “if it belonged to a poor family, I would return it!” *(Railway Clerk Interchange)***

**Honest poverty is a gem that even a king might be proud to call his own – but I wish to sell out. *(Mart Twain)***

**Poverty is no crime and no sin, but can sometimes be a serious inconvenience. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Life insurance: A plan that keeps you poor all your life so you can die rich. *(Nebraska Smoke-Eater)***

**While attending Washington State University in Pullman, I had an appointment to apply for a student loan. Not knowing what to wear, I turned to my roommate for help. “I want to look poor enough to get the loan,” I said. “No,” she replied, “you want to look rich enough to pay it back.” *(Constance L. Barr, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I’m so broke:**

* **My girlfriend and I got married for the rice.**
* **If a trip around the world cost a nickel. I couldn’t leave the couch.**
* **I just went into McDonald’s and put a small order of fries on layaway.**
* **Someone saw me kicking a can down the street and asked what I was doing; I said, “Moving.”**
* **I go to KFC and lick other people’s fingers.**
* **At Christmas, all my wife and I can exchange is glances.**
* **I can’t afford to pay attention. (Jay Leno)**

**We were so poor when I was a boy that if my mother threw our dog a bone with meat on it the dog would call for a fair catch. *(Lee Trevino, golfer)***

**I was so poor as a child, even my paper dolls didn’t have clothes. They came from the wrong side of the page. (Gretchen Houser, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**Sister Carol Anne O’Marie is a nun in Oakland, California, who writes mystery novels about an elderly nun playing detective. According to Leigh Weiners of the San Jose Mercury, Sister O’Marie was once approached by a Hollywood company to turn her novels into a television series. She was told that it would help dramatically if the central character were younger, had a drinking problem, and perhaps had an illicit love affair before she donned the habit. When the author declined to contemplate such changes, the television producer tried the ultimate argument: “You’re turning down a chance, Sister, to make a lot of money.” “What would I do with it?” replied the nun, who had taken the vow of poverty. “I’m not going to live in a nicer convent.” *(Peter Hay, in Canned Laughter)***

**My husband was a college student, and money was tight for our family of seven. Attending a friend’s wedding, our four-year-old daughter, Christy, was sitting next to me when the minister said, “Do you take this man for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health?” Our daughter turned to me and said in a loud whisper, “You picked poorer, didn’t you Mom?” *(Linda L. Conner, in Reader’s Digest)***

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