

Lending a Helping Hand

ISAIAH 58:10-11



The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

- The road to Jericho from Jerusalem was not a safe place (vs. 30)
- Robbers stripped and beat the man (vs.30)
- A priest saw him and passed by on the other side (vs. 31)
- A Levite saw him and passed on the opposite side (vs. 31)
- But a Samaritan came to him and had compassion (vs. 33)
- He bound his wounds, He put the injured man on his own animal, and got him a room so he could rest
- Why was the word compassion in verse 33 such a big deal to this parable?

How can we be a good Samaritan?

- Don't be afraid to stop and help someone struggling
 - Broke Down Car
 - Someone needs help with a meal
- participate in community service
- be a friend to someone in need
- Wear Christ on your sleeve when doing these things
- Matthew 7:21-23
- Matthew 25:34-40



How can we be a good Samaritan?

How do we help someone that is spiritually struggling?

- Sit down with them

 - Acts 8:26-40

- Listen to them (immediately talking will not help them)

 - James 1:19 - Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger

- Be weary to not fall into that same temptation

 - Galatians 6:8-10 - For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- Galatians 6:1

How can we be a good Samaritan?

Gentleness

- Luke 6:31
- Someone struggling does not want to hear fact after fact right out of the gate they need a friend
- Try to connect on a personal level with that person
- Galatians 6:1



What does God think of those who will not lend a hand?

1 John 3:17 - But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Luke 6:38 - give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you

Mathew 19: 16-22 - And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.