

Daily Devotional, October 22, 2021 Secure in Our Giving

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 1 John 3:17” (NIV)

For me, one of the most unsettling things about these many past months has been the news reports of people who have, some for the first time, lined up at food banks because they simply cannot afford to put food on the table. We’ve at times, seen news footage of long lines of people standing in line, or cars filled with people waiting their turn to receive the bag or two of food that will sustain their family for the next week.

Food insecurity, is a term that has been around for quite a while, but had not gained much traction until the coronavirus hit our country. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made this problem explode to proportions that are staggering. So staggering, in fact, that it seems an almost insurmountable problem.

As Christians, we strive to live lives that reach out to spread light and love, to do good in the world, to donate our time and talent as well as our dollars. When you get a number of people together doing all that good, great things can happen! “But what good can just one person do?” you may ask. “Should I even try?”

As an answer to this question, only the little part that is put in our path that is sustainable, will make a difference. The key is when enough people decide to gather together to make that difference.

For my wife, Laura and I, hunger in our country was something that would not get out of our paths. We are able to make donations and volunteer time as we can to local food banks. It’s just us – two people. Does that solve the food insecurity of our nation? Not by a long shot. But it is a beginning. There is hope. And together, with others from our congregation, and other people of faith committed to generosity and service to those in need, we will make a big difference!

I once read that hope is an active task. It takes work. It takes effort. And it only takes one person –and that one person can be you, me and all of us.

A prayer from the World Vision website which works to fight hunger: ***Good Shepherd, we pray for generosity, cooperation and support for life-saving assistance to people struggling from food insecurity and hunger around the world. Send life-giving rains at just the right time, create good conditions for families to grow food for their survival, and cease conflict so Your children will no longer go to bed hungry each night. Amen.***