

Daily Devotional, November 10, 2021 Accepting Help, Being a Good Helper

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 (NIV)

My first staff work in the church began in youth ministry. Youth ministry is an amazing and challenging ministry that I deeply enjoyed. One part of that ministry that I loved was the many trips our group took together. Camps, retreats, and mission trips were only a part of the adventures and activities we often set out upon.

One late night, after returning from a great youth trip, I parked my van, made sure each student had been picked up and had left for home, and I made my way back to my van. Although the trip had been exciting, I was ready to be home. During the trip home that day, I did my best to hide the fact that I was not feeling well. The only thing I wanted to do was get home and go to bed. I was exhausted. I had used every bit of my energy to make it through our trip successfully.

Although we had a great day during the trip, my night was not going well and was about to get worse. When I got back in my van and began to drive away, something didn't feel right and I realized that my right rear tire had gone flat. Exhausted, fever-ridden, and too tired to want to change the tire, I began to pull the jack out of the back and started to remove the spare from the rear mount.

Just a few minutes into jacking up the van, two young men who were at the bowling alley next door, came walking over to me and offered to help me change the tire. With their help, we were done in just a matter of minutes. I shook their hands, expressed my gratitude, and headed for home to rest and recover.

I admit that I am not one who likes to ask for help. I know people are busy and I don't want to be a burden to others, but the assistance those two offered me was a most welcomed kindness. They had no idea how much of a blessing their assistance was for me.

Each day we are presented with opportunities to be good neighbors. Offering just a few minutes out of our day to help another person may bless a person who is sick, exhausted, and in need of just a little help. It doesn't take much to be a big help. Our faith encourages us to look around and see who is in need. With God's help, we can develop the vision to see and the heart to be a blessing each and every day.

Prayer: God in heaven, we offer You our deepest appreciation for the many blessings you shower upon us every day, and the many times you have come to our aid. We are truly humbled by the bounty of your graces, and we ask for this same compassion to follow Your example. Help us to embrace and bring comfort to those suffering and in need. Let us remember that each day that we help someone we are honoring you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.