



Needy People

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²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.' ³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Matthew 22:29-31 NLT

1. How do we help needy people without causing harm?

- We give strategically
- We serve wisely
- We trust God with the details and results

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. **Acts 3:3-7 NLT**

³⁵ Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." **Mark 1:35-38 NLT**

⁷ "But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. ⁸ They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. **Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ Commit to love the Relational Vampires in my life
- ☐ I believe God is calling me to help needy people by _____
- ☐ Commit to say no to _____ so I can serve God more effectively
- ☐ Put my faith in God to use me in the lives of others as I reach out to help needy people
- ☐ _____