

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

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When Jesus saw someone who needed help, he did something about the situation. Jesus saw and healed lepers and blind people, a man who was mentally ill, a mute man, and he ministered to one person after another. But we aren't Jesus. What can ordinary Christians do to offer help to someone or something in need? None of us can do everything, but we can almost always do something:

- ✠ If we can't drop everything to meet a need we see, we can contact someone who can.
- ✠ If we can't tithe money for the church or a mission project, we can pray for its success and tithe our time to help the matter succeed.
- ✠ If we can't directly help the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry or the sick, we can offer prayer, comfort, encouragement, and helpful advice.

The point is that Jesus never failed to help in a needy situation and we should try our best to do likewise. That would be worthy stewardship.

Recently, a newspaper in Phoenix told the story of a woman jogger running by a canal early one morning. Suddenly she saw a car in the water. As she looked carefully she saw an older woman trapped in the driver's seat. She ran to a nearby highway. She flagged down a car.

She told the young man driving about the problem. The fellow parked, ran to the site, jumped into the water, and helped the 77 year old lady escape her entrapment. So be it!

Prayer: Lord, please help us to have the courage and the strength to serve you through total stewardship. As did our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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