

ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS

As one little boy said, "Being sick is Yuck!" It sure feels better to be better. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls and cards. I love being back with my family at Tanner.

Today, as promised, we are going to consider what we can do to be helpful to others. And it is going to be up to you to help me flesh out the 2nd point in my morning sermon by looking at the following passages of scripture that deal with helping others. Then I am asking each of you to write a list of specific things we can do to make a difference in the lives of those around us. This is all about making our own lives worth living. Let's grow!

54 Passages about Helping Others

(All references are from the English Standard Version)

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 22:9 Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Matthew 5:42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

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."

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good & to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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?

Other important verses are:

Exodus 17:12;

Ruth 1:1-22;

1 Samuel 16:7;

2 Kings 4:10;

Psalms 34:17;

Psalms 41:1-3;

Proverbs 15:1

Matthew 5:13-16;

Matthew 5:41;

Matthew 6:24;

Matthew 10:8;

Matthew 19:1;

Matthew 19:13-15;

Matthew 25:31-46;

Mark 4:2-8;

Mark 10:21;

Luke 3:10-11;

Luke 10:25-28;

Luke 13:15-16;

John 2:1-3;

John 3:16;

John 15:1-5;

John 15:13;

Acts 3:1-8;

Acts 4:32-37;

Acts 11:27-30;

Acts 20:35;

Romans 12:3-5;

Romans 12:10-11;

Romans 14:12-23;

Romans 15:1-2;

2 Corinthians 9:12;

Galatians 6:2;

Galatians 6:9;

Ephesians 2:10;

Ephesians 4:28-29;

Philippians 4:19;

1 Timothy 5:8;

2 Timothy 3:16-17;

Hebrews 6:10;

James 2:1-26;

1 John 4:19-21