

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Do Good to All

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus tells about a man who was beaten and left half-dead alongside the road. At different times a priest and Levite passed by the injured man, but neither chose to give him any help or hope.

When a man identified as a Samaritan came upon the injured man, he had pity on him. He bandaged the man's wounds and showed additional compassion by taking him to an inn. Before leaving the inn, he paid the innkeeper for the continued care of the injured man.

In our busy lives, are we going to be more like the priest and Levite or the Samaritan? Whatever our position or status in life, we are called to share God's love in acts of service to all people. The Samaritan did not choose the beneficiary of his kindness. He simply helped his "brother" who was in need. The Samaritan willingly sacrificed his time, money, and possessions and risked his health and safety. He was able and willing to meet the injured person at his point of need.

We have had, and we all will have, opportunities to be Good Samaritans to others. As we tap into God's rich supply of love and grace, He will empower us to get involved, get our hands dirty if necessary, and go the extra mile for others, "*especially*" as Paul writes, "*to those who belong to the family of believers*" (Galatians 6:10).

Prayer: Lord, make me a person who shares Your love with others. Amen.

