The Christian’s Mission - Chapter 8

Summer 2021 Worship Theme Schedule

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*(Suggestions and questions at the end of each* week *refer the reader to some Scripture readings that will add depth to the* message themes. They provide points of discussion in a group setting.)

On Mission in Helping and Healing

1. Surrounded By Suffering .
2. Personal Service is Still Possible.
3. Joining Hands to Heal Willingly.
4. The Disciple Supports the Public Channels of Mercy But Not at the Expense\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel.

# Bible Reading and Study

* + - 1. Read Matthew 25; 31-46. Consider the following questions:
         1. If we are not saved by good works, what is the connection between good works and salvation? (John 13: 15, 34-45)
         2. How would you translate the human needs listed in this passage into modern terms?
      2. The Scriptures list many references to what we may call social duties. What are some of those listed below?

Matthew 5:44 James 1: 27 Marke 12: 31

Isaiah 1: 17 Romans 12: 13 Isaiah 58: 7

1 Timothy 5: 10

* + - 1. The Scriptures in many places speak against selfishness. In the passages below, underscore the pertinent words responding to selfishness:

Gensis 4: 9 Luke 10: 31-32 Isaiah 5: 8

1 Corinthians 10: 33 Ezekiel 34: 18 2 Timothy 3: 2

# Problems and Projects

1. Considering the problem at the beginning of the sermon, is there a way for the Christian to combine personal ministry to the needy with the impersonality of Institutions?
2. Keeping stewardship in mind, in addition to supporting human home needs, if the appeal to the world’s suffering is manageable by you, does the question, “Ought we buy this, that or the other” come to your mind when considering needs in the worldwide community?
3. Compile a list of actual possibilities for helping particular people groups from which your family or church might choose a project of mercy.
4. Do you know what community helps are available for recommendation if needed?

**Thinking It Through For Myself**

1. Why are more people in need of welfare than ever before in the history of our nation?
2. Are government or community welfare programs necessary for our complex society?
3. What is the balance between your donations to a charity and your personal assistance? Where could your personal assistance (and life experience) be used to help another overcome certain life difficulties? Think of time donated rather than wealth.
4. How does personal interest and service give the recipient new confidence and a spiritual ‘push”?
5. How does giving aid to others benefit also the giver?
6. What can our church do to personally involve more of our members in Christian welfare services?
7. How can the Church develop ‘Big Brother” or “Job For Life” programs?
8. Is fostering children (temporary or permanently) an option for your household to consider?

Why would you not consider it if you have space and resources?

1. What keeps me from a greater involvement in Christian social mission?
2. If I had unlimited resources and a God pleasing outcome was guaranteed, what kind of ministry would I devote my life to?