

Do Some Good

Reach Out and Attract (part 4)

People Are More Important Than Sheep

1 At about that time Jesus was walking through some grainfields on the Sabbath. **His disciples were hungry**, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them. 2 But some Pharisees **saw them do it and protested**, “Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath.”

3 Jesus said to them, “**Haven’t you read in the Scriptures** what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. 5 And haven’t you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath? 6 I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple! 7 But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: ‘**I want you to show mercy**, not offer sacrifices.’ 8 For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”

9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, 10 where **he noticed a man** with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?” (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)

11 And he answered, “If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn’t you work to pull it out? Of course you would. 12 And **how much more valuable is a person than a sheep!** Yes, the law permits a person to **do good** on the Sabbath.”

13 Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! 14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus. 15 But Jesus knew what they were planning. So he left that area, and many people followed him.

Matthew 12:1-15 NLT

Is it worth it? What will I receive in return?

How much pain will this cause me?

Maybe someone else will take care of it?



❖ Place a High Value on Compassion

Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ ‘Instead of offering sacrifices to me, **I want you to be merciful to others.**’ I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners. Matt 9:13 CEV Msg

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but **do not neglect the more important things.** Matthew 23:23 NIV

You’re blessed **when you care.**

Matthew 5:7 NIV

❖ Expect to Sacrifice

In view of God’s mercy... offer your bodies as living sacrifices... Romans 12:1 NIV

your sacrifices... **the way you serve because you believe.** Philippians 2:17 NIV

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to **give up our lives** for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 NLT

❖ Connect My Feel to Real

Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, “Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!” and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn’t it obvious that **God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?**

James 2:14 Msg

Dear children, don’t just talk about love.

Put your love into action.

DO something about it.

1 John 3:18 NIV WSV

NIV - New International Version

NIRV - New International Readers’ Version

NAS - New American Standard Bible

CEV - Contemporary English Version

GNT - Good News Translation

NLT - New Living Translation

MSG - The Message

GWV - God’s Word Version

AMP - Amplified Bible

WSV - Word on the Street Version