

Caring - It's What We Do

Real Life Challenges (part 4)



I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me.

Matthew 25:36 NIV

How Do I Care More Effectively?

Go figure out what this Scripture means: "I'm after mercy—readiness to help those in trouble—not religion." Matthew 9:13 Msg, Amp

❖ Improve My Empathy

When others are happy, be happy **with them**. If they are sad, **share** their sorrow. Romans 12:15 NLT

❖ Watch Who God Puts in My Path

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "**Go and do the same.**" Luke 10:36-37 Msg

One day David was caring for the ewes and their lambs, the next day God had him shepherding ... his people ... Psalm 78:65 Msg

You have shown your love to Him **by caring** for other believers Hebrews 6:10 NLT

❖ Help Emergency Needs

Suppose someone sees a brother or sister in need and is able to help them. If he doesn't take pity on them, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, **don't just talk about love. Put your love into action.** 1 John 3:17-19 NIV

❖ Don't Get Pushed Around

Make Free Choices Instead of Being Manipulated

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of **power, love, and self-discipline.** 2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

...**taking advantage of you ... must not be tolerated.** ... Sit him down and talk about the problem **as someone who cares.** 2 Thessalonians 3:10-14 Msg

Be Wise With My Resources

Realize Some Things Are Not My Job

❖ Expect People to Be Responsible for Their Own Lives

Fix Problems Instead of Enabling Patterns

A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, **you will have to do it again.** Proverbs 19:19 NIV

Everyone has to make their own decisions of faith.

Jesus wasn't able to do much of anything there—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed them, that's all. He couldn't get over their stubbornness... their lack of faith. Mark 6:4-6 Msg, NIV

❖ Be Content When I've Done What I Can

The thing that has me **so upset** is that I care about you so much... 2 Corinthians 11:1 MSG

If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have... **you do what you can, not what you can't.** 2 Corinthians 8:12 NLT

If you can do anything, do it.
Have a heart and help us!

Mark 9:22 Msg