



The Notes

Quitting Christianity Part 3: "I'm Here to Help"

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IF WE ARE GOING TO HELP PEOPLE HOW JESUS DID...

1. ...OUR HELP NEEDS TO BE

"Dear brothers, what's the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, 'Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty,' and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless."

James 2:14-17 (TLB)

"In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (ERV)

2. ...OUR HELP NEEDS TO BE

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*“Then the King will say to those on his right,
‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father!
Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s
been ready for you since the world’s
foundation. And here’s why:*

I was hungry and you fed me,

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,

I was homeless and you gave me a room,

I was shivering and you gave me clothes,

I was sick and you stopped to visit,

I was in prison and you came to me.’

*Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master,
what are you talking about? When did we ever
see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give
you a drink? And when did we ever see you
sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the
King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth:
Whenever you did one of these things to
someone overlooked or ignored, that was
me—you did it to me.’”*

Matthew 25:34-40 (MSG)

*“Give freely and spontaneously. Don’t have a
stingy heart. The way you handle matters like
this triggers God, your God’s, blessing in
everything you do, all your work and ventures.
There are always going to be poor and needy
people among you. So I command you: Always
be generous, open purse and hands, give to
your neighbors in trouble, your poor and
hurting neighbors.”*

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 (MSG)

3. ...OUR HELP NEEDS TO BE _____.

“When you give something to a poor person, do not tell anyone about it. The hypocrites do this in their meeting places. They also do it in the busy streets of the town. They do this so that other people will praise them. I tell you this. They have already received their gift. God will not give them anything more. So when you give something to a poor person, keep it a secret from other people. Do not tell anyone. Your left hand will not even know what your right hand does! Nobody else will know about the good thing that you have done. But God sees the things that you do secretly. In return, he will give you good things.”

Matthew 6:2-4 (EASY)

4. ...OUR HELP NEEDS TO
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“We all know that when there’s a race, all the runners bolt for the finish line, but only one will take the prize. When you run, run for the prize! Athletes in training are very strict with themselves, exercising self-control over desires, and for what? For a wreath that soon withers or is crushed or simply forgotten. That is not our race. We run for the crown that we will wear for eternity.”

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (TVB)

“So no matter what your task is, work hard. Always do your best as the Lord’s servant, not as man’s.”

Colossians 3:23 (TVB)

“Jesus then said, ‘I say this to you who are listening carefully to me: Love the people who want to hurt you. Do good things to people that hate you. Say good things to people that say bad things against you. Pray for people who give you pain. Someone may slap you on one side of your face. Then you should let him slap the other side of your face too. Someone may take away your coat. If he does, do not stop him from taking your shirt too. When anyone asks you for something, give it to him. Someone may take something that belongs to you. If he does, let him keep it. Do not ask to have it back again. Do the good things for other people that you would want them to do for you.

Luke 6:27-31 (EASY)