

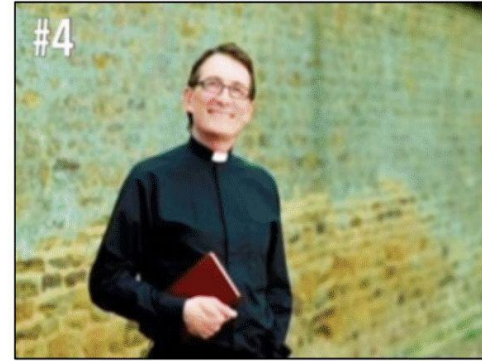


Christian Caregiving

Welcome Aboard

Pick-A-Pic Exercise

Which photo do you believe most represents 'Care' or 'Caring,' and **Why**?



Matthew 6:1-4

Beware
of what??

Thus
what??

Warnings
of caring
... Why??

Followed
by
what??
(vv 5-15)

**The
uncertainty
of riches**

**God richly
provides**

**Rich in
good works**

Generous

**Ready to
share**

**What is
truly life**

I John 3:16-18

What is love?

If you got the
goods . . .

Love in deed and
truth

Speaking of
deeds . . .

- James 2:14-26
 - Deeds without faith are just as dead as faith without deeds
 - Tony Evans: “It is possible to have a useless faith—one that is devoid of good works.”
 - What say you?

Speaking of deeds . . .

Paul is talking about how a sinner becomes a saint.



James is talking about how a saint brings heaven to earth.



You cannot merit salvation; it is received by grace through faith.



James is discussing a faith that can “save” or “deliver” from the power of sin’s consequence in history. In order to grow in your faith and live with power, you have to connect your faith to works.

Showing works
without
showing faith

- **Nothing wrong with:**
 - **Hurricane Katrina Relief**
 - **Farm Aide**
 - **Habitat for Humanity**
 - **Go Fund Me**
 - **Post 9-11**
 - **Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child**

Charity Compassion

The most common form of compassion

Charity Compassion meets genuine needs such as food, clothing and shelter.

Usually both the recipient and the giver feel temporary satisfaction when it is offered.

Usually insufficient by itself

If not life-transforming, who benefits?

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The iceberg illustration

The old-fashioned way

Soul Care

- “When we see only that which is apparent and others freely disclose, wanting to ease people’s pain and suffering, and make life easier, the natural tendency is to provide only practical support.”

Though caring ministry has traditionally been associated with a limited set of concerns, people face trials of many kinds. And, while the good Lord continually works wonders and still performs miracles, His expressed purpose is not to relieve people of their circumstances and make their lives easier. Instead, God sent His Son to save His people from their sin

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John 4:43-54

Jesus heals the Official's son

- Before healing the official's son, Jesus acknowledged, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."
- Jesus then told the man his son would live, and the man believed.
- Is care really caring if we do not concern ourselves with people's faith and offer spiritual encouragement and support?

Caring *for* versus Caring *about*

- Caring FOR focuses on helping people.
 - Taking *care of*
 - Primarily task-oriented
 - Natural focus on people's circumstances
- Caring ABOUT fosters discipling relationships.
 - Taking an active interest in their spiritual health
 - Caring is shepherding/discipling—helping others to follow Jesus

So what about
me?

- Our goal this week is to begin looking for opportunities to meet physical needs while introducing spiritual needs.
 - “How can I pray for you today?”
 - Can your task-orientation be just what that person needs, but with the ending “and the man believed?”