

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1:Title

How to be Good at Care

Selected Proverbs, Psalm 102:18-22,25-26

Slide 2:

Proverbs 3:17–18 (ESV)

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

Proverbs 3:27–28 (ESV)

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

Proverbs 11:10–11 (ESV)

10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.

11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

Slide 3:

Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)

17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 29:7 (ESV)

7 A righteous man knows the rights of the poor;
a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.

Slide 4:

Psalm 102:18–22,25-26 (ESV)

18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

19 that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

20 to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,

21 that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,

22 when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

25 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
26 They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away.

Slide 5:

"A righteous man knows the rights of the poor"
"The righteous considereth the cause of the poor"
"The righteous care about justice for the poor"

Slide 6:

"TSADAQ" = Righteous
"YADA" = Know

Slide 7:

1. What Does It Mean To Care?
2. Why Should We Care?
3. Who Should Care? Who Should We Care For?
- 4) How To Be Good At Care!

Slide 8:

What?

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed."

Slide 9:

Interwoven Order of Creation, Designed Interdependence
Shalom is when the above is working

Slide 10:

- a) Care begins by understanding shalom
- b) Care sees the loss and lack of shalom
- c) Care tries to re-thread the garment of shalom

Slide 11:

Why?

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.
"Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it'—when you have it with you."
"A righteous man knows the rights of the poor"

Slide 12:

"Do not withhold **good**"

"from those to whom it is **due**."

Slide 13:

Why do you have the **good** that you have?

Slide 14:

Who?

"When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices..."

"By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted..."

TSADDIYQ" = righteous

Slide 15:

a) Who should care? The righteous for whom it "goes well"

b) For whom do they care? All the threads ordered next to their lives

Slide 16:

How to be Good at Care?

a) Know that you are not responsible for the results of your care

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed."

It's God's bank, and it's His responsibility to make good on the investment

Slide 17:

a) Know that you are not responsible for the results of your care

b) Know that you are motivated by what has been accomplished for you

Slide 18:

The security of "care."

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Scriptures: Proverbs 3:17,18,27,28; 11:10,11; 19:17; 29:7 Psalm 102:18-26
2. Discuss: Why would a "wise" or "righteous" person understand deeply the rights of, or justice for the "poor?"
3. In what way are those in need "due" the care from those who have to give?
4. Who are you called to reach and to care for? Where are they? Who are they? How will you find them?
5. Wrestle with these two ideas:
 - a) The church (as an organization) developing programs for outreach that involve the body of believers who attend
 - b) The church (as the body of believers) embedding themselves into their world as missionaries, and "threading" with others where they already spend their time, talent and resources.

Can these two ideas co-exist?

Why or why not?

What are the pros and cons of each?

Which one do you see in the New Testament?

6. Explain and discuss the "throne of grace."

How is it that we do not get what we deserve, and do get what we don't deserve....and still have boldness that God would be unjust to NOT save us after Jesus said "It is finished!"

What is imputation?

(Teachers: The idea is that salvation is much stronger than just being treated gracefully...but that because of the exchange at the cross, God treats us AS Jesus. Did Jesus deserve salvation? Then what does it mean to be treated AS His Son?!!!)

7. Prayer and Praise