

DECIDING WHO DESERVES HELP

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

* “A good question to ask is, Who really deserves our help? Are there those who should not help?” (p. 99).

1. Some We Should _____ Help
 - a. “God may be using material difficulties to direct someone—perhaps something that may bring them to Him or strengthen their spiritual lives. If we interfere, we may cause this person to miss God’s best.
 - b. “Sometimes people just want to satisfy their wants or desires; usually, we are free to help but not required to. There are those who are living in rebellion to God, and the way God may choose to reach them is through financial crisis. To interfere is to risk God’s wrath or at least His irritation” (p. 99).
2. Some We Should Help
 - a. Your _____ Members (1 Timothy 5:8, 16; Matthew 15:5-6)
 - b. Other _____ (Galatians 6:9-10; James 2:15-16)
 - c. Those in the Gospel _____: Pastors, Missionaries, Evangelists, Christian School teachers, etc. (1 Corinthians 9:7, 9, 14)
 - d. _____ people (Matthew 5:42; 10:42; 25:44-45)
 - *never simply give out cash—but pay the bill directly, give food, etc.
 - *prudent to set prerequisites such as church attendance, counseling, etc.
3. Where Your Gifts Should Go (after your _____ to your local church—Malachi 3:16-17)
 - a. Is the organization communicating a message true to Scripture?
 - b. Are people responding positively to its work and message?
 - c. Is the organization seeking and accomplishing biblical goals?
 - d. Are the lives of its leaders consistent with biblical principles?
4. Three basic guidelines
 - a. We are required to share in needs—not wants or desires (1 John 3:16-18)
 - b. We are to help those unable to provide for themselves (Proverbs 28:27)
 - c. There is no way to out give God. The more we are willing to share, the more God can entrust to us (Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:7-11)

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