

The Right Hand

Reaching Out to Others: Review

Again, I am pausing in my presentation of this LifeGuide bible study booklet on *Christian Disciplines* for a summary and review. The first subsection was entitled “**Connecting With God**,” and its four constituent topics have been “*Quiet Time*,” “*Prayer*,” “*Bible Study*,” and “*Worship*.” All were worth reviewing....

The second subsection is entitled “**Reaching Out to Others**” and topically it follows quite appropriately the initial subsection: “Connecting With God.” Due to space limitations, this review will be more pithy than the previous one:

“*Evangelism*.” Once immersed in a working understanding of who and what God is (a life-long process), a follower is equipped to become an “evangel.” An evangel is one who brings ‘good news’ (Gospel). Who would not want to bring “good news” to those they love?? A believer is called to “*Love one another....*”

“*Social Justice*.” One cannot be a follower of Jesus Christ and not believe in equity for all! A concern for others is foundational to a true Christianity. Our intrinsic orientation of “Me first” will be supplanted by a cultural orientation of “We First,” but our faith is rooted in an orientation to ‘Thee first!’ Hallelujah!!

“*Missions*.” Mission is what Christians do. Without a mission, a believer is just a spectator. I once served a church in Thousand Oaks (as an associate) where its stated goal was to make missions more than 50% of its annual budget. Wow!

“*Giving*.” Robert Schuller used to advocate an “*attitude of gratitude*,” and when you have that, giving is no problem. Sharing with others some of the rich bounty the Lord has given you (more than money) is no problem for the true believer.

“*Discipling*.” Calling others to lives of Christian service should be as natural as breathing. Encouraging others should be the quintessential characteristic of a true disciple, which is what our Creator calls us all to be....

“*May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully.*” More next week! In Deo speramus.

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