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The Right Hand

Reaching Out to Others: Social Justice (Amos 5:4 – 6:7)

The Second constituent topic within the second subsection (“Reaching Out to Others”) of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled “Social Justice” (see headline above). Social justice simply means “helping others.” Americans are world-famous for helping others, and our little (but powerful) congregation is no exception!

Throughout the Gospels, our Lord Jesus Christ showed by example that it is the will of the Father that we love one another (see John 13:34-5). He demonstrated this again and again by continually reaching out to the poor and needy and powerless., and we can do no less. Although our primary concern is the survival of our beloved congregation, we continue to reach out to others as we go....

Our long-standing support of Herb and Markie Burch in the mission field shows that we are capable of looking beyond ourselves. We relentlessly encourage one another and others (the hallmark of a caring congregation), and we readily share the gifts of our time, talents, and treasures. A glowing example of this is our ongoing commitment and service to the ministry and mission of the Good Samaritan Shelter. Also, our Preschool is a major service to the community.

And, of course, beyond our clustering as a congregation is our individual responsibility as a called servant of the Lord. God knew us individually before we were born, He continues to know us intimately through this life, and He will know us through eternity, if that is our choice. I live in the expectation and hope of eventually hearing, “*Well done, thou good and faithful servant!*”

“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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