

## Daily Challenge

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### These Awesome Lives Of Ours

The Kingdom of God triumphs through our inspired actions lead by the Holy Spirit

**T**he Spirit of Christ dwells in these bodies of ours. We are much more than what the world can see. We can accomplish more than most of us will ever *actually* accomplish.

God is in us. No longer out there, or up there. This is the divine mystery of our covenant (the new covenant). It is especially mysterious in this century, when our points of view are so influenced by our secularized society. Yet in God's eyes we are the "hope of glory."

The words we speak, the love we share (both tangibly and emotionally) flows out of our hearts in which Christ dwells.

Because of this divine mystery, this incredible act of God in our lives, we are made righteous. We should highly respect what God has done in us.



We should highly respect other Christians. In a sense, we should be in awe of one another, since the *Most High God* indwells all of us who serve Him, by serving others in His name.

## The Unlovable

By Dee Stribling

At the outset, when my wife, Margaret and I started helping people financially we became disillusioned. The responses of some were disappointing. Some seemed ungrateful. The question of worthiness came to mind.

Were our gifts being wasted, we wondered. Then God showed us a shocking truth.

**We were the unlovely ones**—full of judgment, and criticism; expecting "something" when Christ himself, said give, expecting nothing in return. Our gifts had strings. We had not learned to love unconditionally.

The Holy Spirit convicted us, showing us that we needed to change. Stop being like the "ungrateful servant." Show God's grace, forgiveness, and mercy to those we had previously judged to be unlovable.

The old questions of who is worthy, and how often to give assistance have been narrowed down to just one question. **WHAT DOES THE MASTER WANT IN EACH SITUATION.**

When His servants allow His Spirit to transform them from the ways of the world, they begin to know His will, and become more useful to others (Romans 12:2).

When Mary and Joe request assistance one time, or if they ask a dozen times, my part is to turn their request over to God, then prayerfully expect God to give direction. It may not be immediate, or as clear as we would like, but He will creatively prompt us—nudge us, excite us, or pull us back according to His plan of action.

Learning to love the unlovely is excellent discipleship training.

**Today in your city someone needs your love. But our need to love them may be the greater matter.**

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." Luke 3:10-11 (NIV)

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (NIV)

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor 8:12 (NIV)

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. Isa 58:10 (NIV)

## Remind Others How To Be Blessed

Since it is more blessed to give than to receive, encouraging one another to do good deeds will glorify God.

## Remember The Needs Of The Elderly and Dis- abled.....



In our time, utilities are a necessity. Many apartments are all -electric. If in a financial crisis, an elderly or disabled tenant loses service for lack of payment, he may also face eviction.

So it is appropriate for God's people to be aware, particularly of an elderly or disabled person.



Send IHNM a donation and *ear-mark it for an elderly or disabled person.*



## Real Religion

Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world. (James 1:27) (MSG)

**POWER OF THE  
RESURRECTION:  
CHRIST  
IN YOU,  
THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

## A SUPPORTER OF IHNM NEEDED HELP.....

This 69 year old woman had helped IHNM for several years. She called the help line and was interviewed by an associate. She did not say that she had been a supporter of IHNM.

Margaret saw the report and recognized her name. After prayer, Margaret felt we should pay the \$240.12 to the electric company that was needed.

A week later we received a thank you card. Part of the note stated: If you had not helped with most of the utility bill, I would have lost electricity, as two promises were unfulfilled without warning. I feel like I have passed a crisis and I will be doing better from now on.

**The stories of individuals in your newsletters have always touched me. I could not understand how people could let their bills get so high. But now I do understand. It's a missed due date, then an aborted pay agreement, then the debt becomes undoable.**

I really appreciate everything you have done to help me and I will help you soon. (She sent \$20.00 with the card.)

Case	Clients	Need	Amount
9844	67 yr old widow	Gas Heat	\$167.85
9744	60 yr old widow	Gas Heat	\$162.11
9778	83 yr old single woman	Water	\$52.86
12323	65 year old single woman	Rent	\$425.00
12321	57 year old single woman	Mortgage	\$626.55
12054	57 yr old mother & 23 yr old son with (cerebral palsy)	Electric	\$284.12
12337	61 yr old single disabled man	Rent	\$469.00
12316	53 yr old single disabled man	Water	\$46.12
12339	Couple in their 70's	Rent	\$535.00
12314	55 yr old single woman recovering from cancer	Electric	\$83.89
12341	Out of work single father of 3 teenagers	Rent	\$665.00
12342	Working couple, wife had surgery, 2 children,	Electricity	\$261.67

The needs above are only a fraction of those who call IHNM for assistance. Our prayer is that they lean on the true problem solver. That would be JESUS !  
***Thank you for your prayers and support as the Lord leads.***