

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Little help.

-Simon Zachariah

A little boy ran on the railway track,
With his red flag to save many people,
Trains stopped and people were saved
Any help in the right time is never little!

A penny, at the bottom of your jar,
A kind word, at the bottom of your heart
A minute, we waste on social media
Can be of help to a single soul in need

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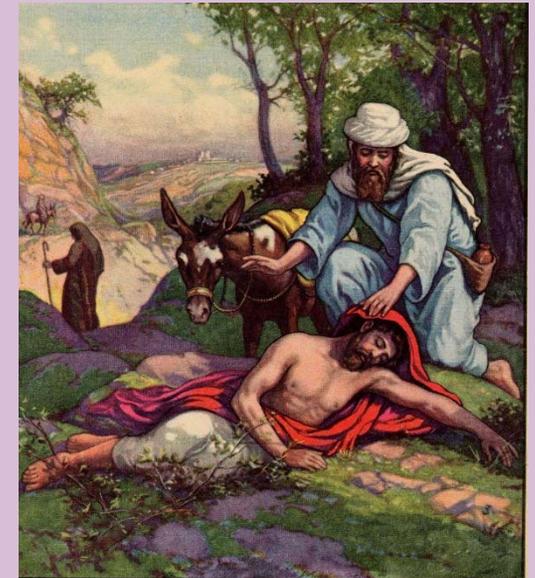
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The Good Samaritan





Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

In this volume of the newsletter I want to talk about ‘Helping others. This is one of the most misunderstood phrases. We all need some help in one way or other; sooner or later; from friends or strangers. We also want to return those favors, and become less obligated to those who helped us. Many find it very difficult to be indebted to others, and the indebtedness creates a complex in us. We always want to be a provider and want to brag about our generosity. Even though we want to help others, often times we find it very difficult and console ourselves with excuses. In my life I have met some individuals who do not hesitate to help people. I have asked them about the secret of their courage to help others. Let me share some of their secrets. One person said: “If I see someone in need, I cannot move a step forward without helping that needy person.” Another person said: “I do not think twice. If I think the pros and cons, I may postpone, or find a reason not to help.”

At present, I have a colleague at work, who is well-known as a Good Samaritan. I would like to share about him in the newsletter, with his permission. Since he worked for twenty eight years in General Motor Company, he knows a lot about cars and trucks. He helps everyone who is in need of help. Whenever he spots someone stranded on the roadside he immediately turns around and helps them. He is always well equipped with necessary tools and supplies. If he does not have them with him right then, he will go and get them or in some cases he will help them financially to purchase things like coolant, gas etc. I have never seen him get angry. So I asked him if he has ever got angry. He replied, “Twice.” I asked him to explain the occasion. On both occasions, he had to take out his baseball bat to threaten the attackers in order to save the victims from abuse. I also know a lady who has written on the wall of her cubicle, something like this: *“The darkest space in hell is reserved for the people who are inactive in the time of crisis!”* I remember a story of an ancient king who had a wise jester in his court. One day the jester told a very good, harmless joke which made a lot of sense. At that time the king was having lunch which was served in his gold plate. Immediately the king took that gold plate and gave it to the jester as a present. Then one of his advisors asked the king, “Why didn’t you wait till the plate was washed and clean?” The king replied: “Good things should never be postponed- not even a second.”

My grandfather ‘Kottilil Achen’ shared a piece of advice which was given to him by his uncle. It was like this: “Never hesitate to offer help which costs you nothing!” We often hesitate to offer help because of many reason. ‘FEAR’ is one of the main reasons. You may have enough

and more resources to do the favor. We hesitate to offer help not because we are at loss of something, but because of fear of offering help. The next time you see someone in need, ask yourselves what is keeping you from offering help. In many cases, just your kind words or your words of wisdom and advice is all that is needed at that time. Sometimes you may be able to extend physical help or in some instances some financial help. Many times, just our presence, or our approval, or encouragement, is the only thing needed to support others. But we search for excuses not to help others. When we read the story of Good Samaritan, we realize that he even offered his willingness to meet all the future financial needs of the victim. When I think more about this Good Samaritan, I became aware of some interesting things that he did not do.

- He did not criticize the victim
- He did not find any excuses
- He did not find fault with those who do not help.
- He did not fear that his resources will get dwindle
- He did not think about the dangers that he may face by helping the victim
- He did not worry about more people approaching asking for help
- He did not worry about being late for his business appointments
- He did not wait for others come and help, or praise him while he was helping the victim.
- He did not put it on the Facebook to get more likes and comments

He only thought that it is HIS DUTY to help people who are in need. What will be your answer?