

The Heart Behind It

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Have you ever noticed that when you have overcome a certain obstacle in your life, along comes someone who is struggling in that same area? Of course, immediately we want to help because we have been there and done that and we want to encourage them that they can overcome said obstacle. I mean, if I can do it, so can you right?

I know as believers in Jesus Christ, it's our heart to want to help others who are in need of a hand, whatever it may be. I even have non-believing friends who are always looking to "give back" when possible because they know they couldn't have made it without help from someone along the way.

In my years of helping other people, I have also noticed that if I don't have the right attitude behind why I want to help, I can do more damage than good. As well, if I help someone out of pride or impatience or with a wrong mindset behind it, I may end up struggling or falling back into a rut myself.

When Jesus began His ministry, He didn't just tell people to go do things this way or that way, He formed a circle around Him of people who had hearts to go the extra mile and He taught them what it meant to have compassion and to lead people in truth and still cultivate a relationship with them.

Romans 12:13 - Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

The definition of hospitality is: *the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers*

Some synonyms of hospitality are: warmth, friendliness, generosity, kindness

I'd like to remind myself and each of our readers that if we are helping someone and we can't say that it has any of these qualities or our heart motive in helping is for our gain, then we have lost sight of serving Christ. I don't want us to struggle in overcoming just to gain in back when we lose sight of how we gained the success. Looking to our Maker, the reason we have overcome and He is the One who moves our hearts to reach out and help others.

Have a GREAT overcoming week! Colossians: 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

