

Hello to my brothers and sisters and Africa!

We can follow the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ by giving service to one another.

There are many, many reasons for helping one another.

One is that as we focus on the needs of others, we will forget about our own problems.

Another is that we show gratitude for Jesus Christ by serving others.

King Benjamin in the Book of Mormon, Mosiah 2:17, gave the following teaching:

And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

Jesus himself gave a similar message in Matthew 25:

[34] Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

[35] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

[36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

[37] Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

[38] When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

[39] Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

[40] And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

President Spencer W. Kimball taught:

God does notice us, and he watches over us. But it is usually through another person that he meets our needs. Therefore it is vital that we serve each other in the kingdom.... So often, our acts of service consist of simple encouragement or of giving mundane help with mundane tasks, but what glorious consequences can flow from mundane acts and small but deliberate deeds!

The poet Lon Woodrum wrote:

I met a stranger in the night,
Whose lamp had ceased to shine;

I paused and let him light
His lamp from mine.

A tempest sprang up later on,
And shook the world about,
And when the wind was gone,
My lamp was out.

But back came to me the stranger—
His lamp was glowing fine;
He held the precious flame
And lighted mine.

Please remember to perform acts of kindness to one another. Start with your own family members. Then continue with your neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and church members. Be kind to strangers as well, but do not put your personal safety in jeopardy.

Jesus taught: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

Prayerfully, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Lord will bless you so that you will know what you should do.

Also, make certain that your service is selfless. Render service out of a pure love of Christ rather than for the praise or honors of men.

Always remember that Jesus performed the ultimate act of service for all mankind when he atoned for our sins in the Garden of Gethsemane, and then allowed himself to be crucified on the cross at Calvary.

Jesus Christ lives. He has risen from the garden tomb. He continues to watch over us.

Jesus revealed to Moses:

"For behold, this is my work and my glory -- to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 1:39).

May we all do our part to help Jesus Christ bring about his glorious work.

May the Lord bless you and your families!
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