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God Says: Care for Others

Spiritual Needs

Emotional Needs

Physical Needs

Care for Spiritual Needs

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In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. – Romans 8:26 (NASB)

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2. Another Believer's Growth

Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow up into your salvation.

– 1 Peter 2:2

(also, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 and Hebrews 5:11 - 6:2)

We all start with spiritual milk, but don't stay there.
Crave the Meat of the Word.

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No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. – Ephesians 4:29

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Immediately the father of the boy cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!" – Mark 9:22-24

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4. Restoration

Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit... – Galatians 6:1a

Care for Emotional Needs

I. God is the Source of all comfort

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Care for Emotional Needs

3. Care for post-repentance emotions

As a result, you should instead forgive and comfort him. Otherwise, he may be overwhelmed by excessive grief. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.
– 2 Corinthians 2:7-8

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Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

– Galatians 6:1-2

Care for Physical Needs

I. God's Expectation

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself... – James 2:14-20, 26

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...But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works." You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe—and they shudder. Senseless person! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless? ... For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. – James 2:14-20, 26

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2. God's Planning

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10

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3. God's Provision

The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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4. God's Wisdom

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

– James 1:5-8

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Interconnected Needs – Physical/Spiritual

Joshua did as Moses had told him, and fought against Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. While Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, but whenever he put his hand down, Amalek prevailed. When Moses's hands grew heavy, they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat down on it. Then Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other so that his hands remained steady until the sun went down.

– Exodus 17:10-12

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Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me." ...

– Matthew 25:34-40

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...Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

– Matthew 25:34-40

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Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another. – Romans 14:19

But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. – Hebrews 3:13

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And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25

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As you know, like a father with his own children, we encouraged (parakaleo), comforted (paramutheomai), and implored each one of you to live worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.
– 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

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What needs will you meet this week?

And we exhort you, brothers and sisters:
warn those who are [spiritually] idle, (spiritual need)
comfort the discouraged, (emotional need)
help the weak, (physical need)

be patient with everyone.

– I Thessalonians 5:14

