
Newsletter

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God-centred care
for everyone



Care in God's Ecclesia

It was the Apostle Paul who suggested that we do good (care) for everyone, especially the family of believers (Gal 6:10 NIV). It is important, then, that we think prayerfully about the brothers and sisters in the ecclesia to do what we can to help them in all circumstances.

There are many ways we can care. In this Newsletter and associated articles, we consider a special element of care associated with our spirituality, that is, the way the centre of our being, and the core of our brothers and sisters, is helped by our interactions.

It is easy to say that we have a responsibility to only care in particular circumstances. Do we pick and choose those we help and the circumstances under which we help? Do our loving Heavenly Father and His Son do this to us? Do they choose Bro Jones who might pray everyday and is generally sacred, or Sis Brown who attends all ecclesial meetings? Do they ignore mothers who are struggling? Of course not. God helps all those who place their trust in Him, no matter what the circumstances. Should we not do exactly the same? This special issue of the adelphicare.org Newsletter is about the ways and circumstances we can help our brothers and sisters. The rule of thumb is that we help everyone where we can.

We would like you to note, however, that our writings do not address issues of fellowship. They relate only to the human consequences of many issues in our ecclesias.

General circumstances

There are many things we can do to encourage one another. Some of them are so basic we don't often think about them. And often, perhaps sadly, we don't do anything either. Even a simple greeting on a Sunday morning. Do we greet everyone who comes near us, or do we just let them pass? Do we wait for someone to come and speak to us, or do we go out of our way to see someone? Sometimes it is important that we think of a particular person who may benefit from us visiting them after the meeting. At the same time, might it not be helpful simply to go across the room simply to say "Hello" to someone occasionally without having a special reason?

And, of course, this simple greeting is just the 'tip of the iceberg' when it comes to the way we might generally help our brothers and sisters. We will explore this in some of our articles.



Difficulties

There are, however, times when all is not plain sailing when we try to help our brothers and sisters. We have to think about what our help is, and how we offer it. In this Newsletter, we will be proposing some very positive ways we can help, but at the same time, draw attention to some occasions where either the help, or the way we help can be very problematic. We hope to keep a balance where we can. This may mean that sometimes we might be confronting. By and large, the things we mention have been raised because we are aware of occasions where some difficult circumstances have arisen because the ways we try to help are questionable when we consider the Biblical plumbline.

The basis of our writing has been that we all have an individual responsibility to help every one of our brothers and sisters where the need arises, but mostly at all times. At the very least, even if our efforts are unsuccessful, we should be able to say that we have tried our best IN LOVE and that the person we are trying to help realises the loving way we tried.

The articles

What must I do to inherit eternal life? Parts 1 and 2 –

Helen Smallwood

<https://www.adelphicare.org/documents/091-eternal-life-1.pdf>

<https://www.adelphicare.org/documents/090-eternal-life-2.pdf>

How to care for others through ecclesial difficulties –

Kylee Mingham

<https://www.adelphicare.org/documents/092-difficulties.pdf>

Practical Christianity –

Norma Tuttici

<https://www.adelphicare.org/documents/093-practical.pdf>

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