True or False?

“It is a shameful thing for a person to be dependent on the generosity of others to meet their basic needs.”
The Problem

• I believed a lie
• I reasoned on the basis of that lie
• This caused me believe that doing the wrong thing would be right
• It caused me to believe that doing the right thing would be wrong
What happened this week...
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help
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• We are all totally dependent on God for our physical necessities
Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We are all totally dependent on God for our physical necessities
• We are all totally dependent on God for our spiritual necessities
For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We are all totally dependent on God for our physical necessities
• We are all totally dependent on God for our spiritual necessities
• We are each expected to bear our own load
For each one shall bear his own load.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We are all totally dependent on God for our physical necessities
• We are all totally dependent on God for our spiritual necessities
• We are each expected to bear our own load
• But we often have burdens with which we need help
Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

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• We are all totally dependent on God for our spiritual necessities
• We are each expected to bear our own load
• But we often have burdens with which we need help
• The bearing of burdens is a mutual responsibility
For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We should expect people to sometimes be dependent on others for their physical necessities
MARK 14:7

For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.
Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We should expect people to sometimes be dependent on others for their physical necessities
• Helping blesses the receiver and the giver
Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.
I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

• We should expect people to sometimes be dependent on others for their physical necessities
• Helping blesses the receiver and the giver
• Helping glorifies God
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
The Truth about Giving and Receiving Help

- We should expect people to sometimes be dependent on others for their physical necessities
- Helping blesses the receiver and the giver
- Helping glorifies God
- As long as our motives are correct and we are giving what is our own, our helping is not really subject to human criticism
And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply.
But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”
Problems with Helping

• Lack of awareness of opportunities to help
• Unwillingness to help
• Reluctance to ask for help
• Negative reactions to offers of help
False!

“It is a shameful thing for a person to be dependent on the generosity of others to meet their basic needs.”

True!

“When one person helps another with their needs, it is a blessing to both of them, and brings honor and glory to God.”
Lessons in dealing with our Misconceptions

• If we think or act as if something is true, we probably believe it, whether we consciously recognize it or not
• When we believe a lie is true we need to confront the lie with truth
• We must challenge thoughts and feelings that are based on the lie
• We must consciously act as though the truth is true and as though the lie is false