

Boasting About Helping The Needy

1. Jeremiah 9:23 This is what the LORD says:

“Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches.”

2. James 4:16-17

As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes.

All such boasting is evil.

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

3. Psalm 10:2-4

In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.

He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

4. Psalm 75:4-5

“I warned the proud, ‘Stop your boasting!’

I told the wicked, ‘Don’t raise your fists! Don’t raise your fists in defiance at the heavens or speak with such arrogance.’”

False teachers love to boast.

5. Jude 1:16

These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

6. 2 Peter 2:18-19

For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”

Do not boast about tomorrow.

You don't know what will happen.

7. James 4:13-15

Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year.

We will do business there and make a profit."

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow?

Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

8. Proverbs 27:1

Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.

We are saved by faith.

If we were justified by works people would be saying "well look at all the good stuff I do."

All the glory belongs to God.

9. Ephesians 2:8-9

For by such grace you have been saved through faith.

This does not come from you; it is the gift of God and not the result of actions, to put a stop to all boasting.

10. Romans 3:26-28

he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting?

It is excluded.

Because of what law?

The law that requires works?

No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Let other people do the talking.

The Story Behind Markus Lynn “Mookie” Betts, going to Feed the Homeless at 2 a.m.

After a successful Game 2, Mookie Betts arrived home to tons of Dominican food.

When he couldn't finish it, he went to feed the homeless in Downtown Boston.

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Mookie Betts is generously listed at 5' 9", 180 pounds, but the man can *eat*.

He has been known to go out to dinner, then get home and order delivery.

So after Game 2 of the World Series, in which Betts went 3–4 and his Red Sox took a 2–0 series lead over the Dodgers, he was thrilled to see the frankly preposterous amount of Dominican food awaiting him and five others in his Back Bay apartment.

He had placed the order with David Ortiz, who had apparently thought Betts was feeding the 40-man roster.

That's too much, said his mother, Diana Benedict.

That's too much, agreed his father, Willie Betts.

Mookie and Cam Lewis, his best friend since seventh grade at Oliver (Nashville) Middle School, insisted they could eat it all:

a countertop full of chicken, steak, rice, beans, vegetables, even a flan.

They stuffed themselves, but finally they admitted defeat.

Normally they would feast on leftovers the next day, but they had early flights to Los Angeles for Game 3.

“We should go and give it away,” suggested Willie.

Lewis remembered the line of people who usually sleep wrapped in blankets, shivering on cardboard boxes, abutting the Boston Public Library on nearby Boylston Street.

It was nearing 2 a.m. and 37 degrees—but that was true for the homeless people, as well.

So the two wrapped themselves in three layers of down and wool and headed out into the night.

They grabbed a shopping cart from a nearby parking lot and loaded it with tin foil trays, plastic silverware, napkins and wet naps, and some of the cases of bottled water that Body Armor, which Betts endorses, had sent.

They gently woke a few people to offer them dinner, and within a few minutes close to two dozen men and women were eating.

“Thank you so much,” someone said. “We were hungry all day.”

Betts has declined to comment on the night, but that is the point that Lewis makes to *Sports Illustrated* when he retells it:

These people were hungry.

Betts and his friends and family were not.

“We didn’t think it would be such a big thing,” Lewis says of the media attention the story got once a passerby [called into WEEI radio](#).

“It was just the right thing to do.”

They purposely did not take their phones or tell anyone what they had planned.

In fact, even that term is too strong, he insists.

Going forward, they would like to distribute blankets and warm clothing to area homeless, and they would publicize that to help raise awareness, but in this case it was a simple act of spontaneous kindness.

And that’s what makes this story so lovely.

None of the people they served recognized Betts.

No one cared that he will likely be the MVP of the American League, that his team won a franchise-record 108 games this season and is two wins away from a title.

Betts did not act in his capacity as Mookie Betts, whose jersey was the fifth most popular in the majors this year, who inspires “MVP” chants at home and on the road.

He acted in his capacity as a human, who had the choice between doing the right thing and doing the easy thing, and made the right one.

Betts is baffled by the attention he has received, says Lewis.

They all are.

We so often ask our athletes to belong to us—put your fork down to take a selfie with me;

put your child down to sign an autograph for me;

tweet exactly what I think you should believe;

endure my hostility when you strike out or miss a shot;

take less money to re-sign with my team.

But they do not belong to us, the fans.

They belong to us, the humans, as we belong to each other as well.

These days, it can be easy to forget that.

On Wednesday, Betts did not.

The whole excursion took about 30 minutes, where upon they discarded those layers of clothing and went to sleep.

They had to get up early to fly to Game 3.

Mr. Cam Lewis and Mr. Mookie Betts, Your both Humanity Champions, and God is watching.

You will see that His blessings, will come upon You and Your's, in things that you can't control, be it the health of a loved one, a relationship that one of your family members maybe involved in, that is no good for them, YOU will see the Right Hand of the Lord step in and intervene on both of your Behalf(s).

This story kind of Hurts, (LOL) because I'm a Yankees Fan (LOL).

But know this, I heard about this story and since that day, I became a Mookie Betts (fan) and your fan also, Mr. Lewis !

May His blessings be upon You and Your's today and always, in Jesus' Mighty Name !

11. Proverbs 27:2

Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth—a stranger, not your own lips.

Check your motives for doing things.

12. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

ANYONE, that gives or helps the needy and makes it known, as to how much they gave, will NEVER receive a Blessing from the Lord:

Matthew 6 (NIV)

6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.

If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

An Exercise in Humanity that will Change Your & Your Families Life Forever:

If you are reaching a point of “Burn-Out,” allow me to share somethings that you can do, that will humble you, by the love, and thankfulness that you're going to receive from the people that you're helping:

These are recommendations that require your time and not just sending \$\$\$ to a charity to make yourself feel better !

- 1. Donate your time to a food kitchen in helping to prepare a meal for those in need and ask that you be allowed to serve them as they come through the line!**
- 2. Wait for your REWARD, when most people that don't have two nickels to rub together, sincerely and full of**

gratitude towards you, look into your eyes, and Thank You for Helping Them!

3. And remember, that they don't know that you're an AV Rated Attorney, A Top Surgeon, A Nurse, MLB Player, NFL, NBA, They're Thanking You From the Bottom of Their Hearts!

Donate your time and help a elderly neighbor or a disabled neighbor, and help them with their yard work.

Meals on Wheels - delivering food to the needy (The BEST NON PAYING JOB I'VE EVER HAD) !!!!!!!!

Making Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and going to city parks that are frequented by the poor and sometimes many war veterans., and feeding them will again fill your HEART with emotions from those in need that Thank You from their HEARTS !

This is about You being actively involved, so that you can reflect on everything “HE,” provides for You and Yours.

These aforementioned suggestions, will help getting grounded once again and thanking God for all that He gives You, and for the opportunity and experience, that He gave you as you helped those in need without any fanfare, no cameras, no interviews, not blasting social media for what you did, no it's about you, it's about the person(s) that you Helped, and our Lord praising your good deeds from Heaven.

Just recently, I had a couple of friends, that had the most brilliant legal minds, and thriving legal practices, one a Top Rated (AV) Rated Criminal Attorney, and the other a Top Rated (AV) Rated Civil Attorneys, both commit suicide, and for the privacy of their remaining families, I won't publish their names.

However, it is my belief, that both of these attorney's got caught up, in the materialism world, and focusing on \$\$\$\$\$\$, and it is my belief, that both were empty inside, devoid of Christ Jesus, in their lives, and both ended their lives prematurely, while at the zenith, of their professions.

Sometimes, all of us need to recharge our batteries and get grounded again, and do and give to the less fortunate, and in doing these acts of charity, these people will change your Hearts, and Lives, and your thankfulness for all that God gives you !

When it's acceptable to boast.

14. 1 Corinthians 1:31-1 Corinthians 2:1

Therefore, as it is written:

“Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters.

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

2 Corinthians 11:30 If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am.

Jeremiah 9:24

But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!

How to Accept Christ:

Remember:

Keep Jesus 1st Place in Your Life and “HE” will take You places that you've Never Dreamed of !

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Thank you for your time and the privilege of being able to share Christ with you and I will look forward to talking with you tomorrow, on our podcast.

Thank You !