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And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. [Hebrews 13:16](#) (NIV)

Thought for today...

In 1965, the English rock band The Beatles released a single entitled 'Help!'. They sang: "I need somebody, (Help) not just anybody, (Help) you know I need someone, help..."

In the Gospel of Luke ([Luke 10:25-37](#)), we read the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus tells of a man who, travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. A priest and also a Levite, on seeing the man, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where the wounded man was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him, bandaged his wounds set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you." A laudable act? More so, given that Samaritans were despised by Jews.



Jesus said “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” [Mark 12:30-31](#) (NKJV).

Help! I need somebody, (Help) not just anybody, (Help) you know I need someone, help! It may not be an audible cry, but perhaps the cry for help can be seen as we look into the eyes of our neighbour. Perhaps the someone that our neighbour needs is us — we who are strategically placed in order to offer what we have. Perhaps our resource is time, or money. Perhaps our resource is the gift to make people laugh! ‘A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.’ [Proverbs 17:22](#) (NKJV).

Ironically, we may sometimes be in a hurry, on our way to do good works, and so pass by on the other side rather than heed the plea of our neighbour who cries “Help! I need somebody.”

The Apostle Paul instructs: “When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.” [Romans 12:13](#)



(NLT). And: “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” [Philippians 2:4](#) (NKJV). We read that: ‘The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.’ [Proverbs 11:25](#) (NLT).

Alma Bazel Androzzo, an African-American pianist, composer, and lyricist, penned a song in 1945 that declared: ‘If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain!’