

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

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Are we all looking forward to when we can join together for tea and coffee and fellowship after the service again? The reason I ask this question is, do you look out for anyone who is new or someone who might be on their own? Sometimes it is a good time to ask if, who you are speaking to is ok, or needing help in any way. Are we alert to the people around us either in church or wherever we are in and around our community? We know that it can be difficult to approach someone if you actually notice or find out they are in need. Basically because we do not wish to offend and upset the person. Maybe they do not like to accept help but we won't know unless we are brave enough to approach them to give the help in God's name. For all we know they may be praying to be helped and if we are in the position to help then we might just be getting nudged to do just that. We have to be aware that God will give the means to us to work in his precious name, therefore we cannot stand back we are his hands and his feet. And he has given us the power by the Holy Spirit in which to use our hands and our words of encouragement to help those who are in need.

In Galatians 6:10, the Apostle Paul encourages the church in Galatia and the church today: *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

Even if it is ourselves in need God will provide, as we know he will be there walking beside us along the path of life and carrying us through when we are bowed down in fear and trepidation in worldly worries. He will love us even more when we ask and also give out to others his love and protection to our friends in need. God will seek out the needy. Let us be seekers to help others when we can.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us individually. And as we are part of Your much larger family. Help us to love others as You love them. Open our eyes and hearts to see the needs around us. In **Jesus'** Name, Amen.*