

Justice in Everyday Life and Careers

Key in everything: BUILDING RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS & RESTORING TO GOD'S ORIGINAL INTENTIONS

Pursue right relationships – with your spouse, children, coworkers, church.

Seek reconciliation with the Lord and with others.

Learn questions to ask people as you encounter them in daily life to understand their needs and how you could respond wisely.

Teach your children peacemaking skills through the Young Peacemakers Bible study.

Notice others when shopping, walking, working out, etc. who may need assistance and help them.

Invite international students to join you for holiday dinners.

Invite college and graduate students who live far from family to meals and activities with your family.

Place cold water outside with your trash for your hard-working sanitation workers.

Save up money to give anonymously to someone who is struggling financially. Write a card letting them know that God wanted them to have this provision.

Make a point of developing friendships with people different than you (single & married, employed & unemployed, black & white). Listen and learn from those friendships.

Connect people.

Spend time with people 20 years older and 20 years younger than you. Mentor and nurture those younger than you in spirituality, work skills, etc.

Pray – for right relationships, for others, for justice, for reconciliation, for the city.

Watch out for neighbors and their homes.

Don't be afraid to ask questions or make phone calls.

Prepare a "Just thinking of You" basket filled with homemade goodies, cards, etc. to take to a difficult & lonely neighbor's home.

Pick up trash as you walk along or set a day to pick up trash in the neighborhood.

As able, hire others to do work they're skilled in rather than trying to do everything yourself. A lot of people are seeking gainful employment.

Be an encourager to those kids selling the overpriced cookies at the door of supermarkets...if you don't want to buy their items, at least talk to them, find out where they go to school and what their favorite subject is. Tell them you'll be praying for their success.

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Love Neighbors:

Play with your kids in the front yard instead of the backyard and invite neighbors into that play. You'll find this creates opportunities for offering love and truth. You'll also learn how you can be praying for them. You may be part of changing the course of their lives without ever knowing it.

Make extra food to take to a neighbor who's sick, just had a baby, or just moved in.

Shovel snow for a neighbor.

Be a peacemaker in your neighborhood.

Mow your neighbor's lawn for free... just because. Especially if you live near a single mom or elderly person.

Offer to pick up a few groceries for a neighbor while you're at the store.

Invite neighbors and their children to the park with you.

At the Workplace:

Ask opinions of those with less influence than you – listen and incorporate their thoughts into your thinking and give them credit.

Mentor someone new to your office or industry. Spend time with people 20 years older and 20 years younger than you.

Connect people to others who can offer meaningful opportunities or wisdom.

On the Streets:

Prepare a bag lunch to bring with you when you go out and offer it to a homeless man or woman.

Buy gift cards to grocery stores, Subway, etc. to offer a homeless man or woman. Write an encouraging card to go along with it.

Make eye contact and talk with someone begging or living on the street.

Single Moms:

Reach out to single mom neighbors by picking up a few groceries they need, offering to take their child to the park with you, babysitting, or bringing by food.

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The Elderly:

Deliver encouraging notes to a retirement home.

Befriend an elderly widow or widower, inviting them to be part of your family's activities when possible.

Trafficking:

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Enter the trafficking hotline number into your phone. Become educated on signs of trafficking and call if you see something suspicious.

Learn questions to ask someone whom you think might be trafficked. The local organization Araminta can help you learn this kind of information with regards to sex trafficking.

As a teacher, intentionally build up self-esteem of kids and structure classroom management around loving them. One Baltimore city teacher starts every term by telling his students he loves every one of them as soon as they walk into his classroom; that he's not going to love them less based on how they behave; and because he loves them, he will correct their behavior as needed.

When children know they're loved and accepted, they're less likely to seek love from dangerous sources. Traffickers often recruit children by convincing them of their love and acceptance.

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People working in schools, hotels, medical centers, sports centers, restaurants, casinos, and the travel industry are in key places for identifying victims of trafficking.

Teachers:

Stay a bit after school to offer extra help to struggling students.

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Nurses & Doctors:

Learn the signs of trafficking and questions to ask people who may have been trafficked. You may be one of the few people they're able to meet with on their own. Report any suspected cases to local authorities and/or the trafficking hotline (888-3737-888).

Take time to help people understand the resources available to them or connect them to a social worker who can do so.

Students:

Be willing to spend time to listen to the complaints of fellow students.

Be sensitive to those who are struggling in a class that you are good at and offer assistance in helping them through their course.

Invite international students to your home during the holidays.

Speak into fellow students' changing worldviews.

Participate in student groups that are working to address social issues.

Ministry Specific:

Participate in one-time volunteer opportunities when you're able to.

Pick up extra groceries and deliver to ACTC or the church.

Donate to Central's monthly collection of items for the disadvantaged.

Write letters to persecuted brothers and sisters through International Christian Concern and other organizations. Connect with these organizations in order to receive information to call/write congress on behalf of imprisoned brothers and sisters in other countries.

Connect with Philemon to send monthly letters to inmates.

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Send shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child each Christmas. Organize a shoebox party with neighbors.

Sponsor a child through World Vision or Compassion International and correspond regularly with your child.

Connect with Mountain Manor ministry to send encouraging letters to teens struggling with addiction.