

# Faith-Based Care for Drug Abusers

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## 10 QUALITIES OF A BIBLICAL HELPER (Luke 10:30-37)

### I. HE RESPONDS TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

“... as he journeyed ...” (v. 33)

### II. HE IS AVAILABLE TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE

“... came where we saw:” (v. 33)

### III. HE IS ABLE TO DISCERN THE NEED

“... and when he saw him ...” (v. 33)

A. The Samaritan looked beyond the man and saw his *need*.

1. Anxieties
2. Loneliness
3. Depression
4. Eating disorders
5. Sickness and disease
6. Violence
7. Sexual abuse
8. Rejection
9. Addictions
10. Poverty and illiteracy

B. You *must* give hope. Everyone may not be healed of physical problems. However, God’s desire is that all people are spiritually and emotionally well (John 10:10).

1. “God calls things that are not as though they are” (Romans 4:17).
2. “We are more than conquerors, in all things” (8:37).
3. “Be transformed by the renewing of the mind” (12:2).

### IV. HE HAS COMPASSION

“And went to him, ...” (v. 34)

A. Compassion—sorrow or pity excited by the distress or misfortune of another  
“with the desire to help.”

B. Remember where you came from (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4).

## V. HE IS COURAGEOUS

“And went to him, . . .” (v. 34)

- A. You must be willing to enter the environment of the person in need.
- B. You must respond with love and not the law.
- C. You must respond with a sense of urgency (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10).
- D. Four techniques utilized by effective helpers:
  - 1. *Attending*—to visit or minister to a sick person; to take care of; to consider.
  - 2. *Listening*—to make conscious use of “sense of hearing”; to pay attention.
  - 3. *Empathy*—intellectual or imaginative apprehension of another’s condition or state of mind; experiencing the feelings of the other.
  - 4. *Probing*—to penetrate; search, investigate or examine.

## VI. HE’S EQUIPPED AND PREPARED TO MINISTER, IN AND OUT OF SEASON

“ . . . and bound up his wounds, . . .” (v. 34)

- A. He ministered to the man.
- B. He poured oil and wine into the wound
  - 1. *Wine* to wash the wound—Wine represents God’s Word (the “Word” will wash out Satan’s lies), John 15:3.
  - 2. *Oil* to close the wound—Oil represents the Holy Spirit (the “Holy Spirit, the Comforter” will soothe and heal the pain), John 14:26.

## VII. HE IS PREPARED TO SHARE HIS RESOURCES

“ . . . and set him on his own beast, . . .” (v. 34)

- A. He sacrificed his own comfort.
- B. He responded as a servant.

## VIII. HE IS WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE

“ . . . and brought him to an inn, . . .” (v. 34)

- A. He did all “he” could do.
- B. He “referred” him.

**IX. HE IS WILLING TO FUNCTION AS A SUPPORT AGENT AND/OR SPONSOR  
FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES**

“ . . . And took care of him . . . ” (v. 34).

A. He was willing to enter a covenant relationship on behalf of the man.

B. He supported him.

**X. HE IS WILLING TO DO FOLLOW-UP**

“ . . . when I come again, I will repay thee ” (v. 35).