

Introduction:

Text: Matthew 25:40

Four possible attitudes in relation to caring:

A. Do nothing: the attitude of the priest and Levite: (Luke 10:25 -37)

1. Due to possible misconception of what ministry is
2. Due to possible deep -seated beliefs and values
3. Jesus' response:

B. Do something for something: the attitude of the Pharisees (Matt. 23:5, 23-24)

1. Understanding the world of the Pharisees
2. Jesus' response and warning from the Scriptures
(2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15)

C. Do something for nothing: the attitude of the Samaritan (Luke 10:33-35)

1. Understanding the world of the Samaritan
2. Understanding how the Samaritan got Jesus' attention
3. Jesus' response:

D. Imitate me: the attitude of Jesus

1. Jesus's philosophy in demonstrating caring attitude: A balance between instruction and demonstration (Matt. 4:17;23-25; Lk. 9:12-13)
2. Jesus' priority in demonstrating caring attitude: "The least of these my brethren" (Matt. 25: 40)
3. Jesus' response for showing caring attitude: (Matthew 25: 40, 45)

1. At your funeral service, what will your close family, relatives and friends who know you personally say in their eulogy?

2. Of the four possible attitudes of caring, which do you find problematic? Why?

3. Discuss briefly Jesus' philosophy, priority and response to caring attitude.
(Matt. 4:17, 23-25; Luke 9:12-13; Matt. 25:40, 45)

4. From the story of the good Samaritan and Jesus' example, how can we become relevant as a believer and as a church to our family and people around us today?

Conclusion:

PRAY