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## The Good We Can Do

Dear Pastor,

There is an ad on TV these days that includes this quote: “We cannot do all the good the world needs. But right now the world needs all the good we can do.” That caught my attention.

It is a reminder to me that whether in a time of crisis or in a time of relative calm, the world needs all the good that we, as believers, can do.

What does that look like? First and foremost it looks like sharing the good news of the Gospel. We can never hope to remedy all of the social and physical ills that exist. The good news of the Gospel, however, gives people a framework for understanding our world and our place in it. It enables us to see the world realistically. It teaches us that this world, this life, is not all there is and not forever. The poor may always be with us, as Jesus said, but while they may remain physically poor, they need not remain spiritually impoverished. I’m sure the TV ad didn’t have in mind sharing the Gospel, but it is the most important good that any of us can do in these days.

There are other good things we can do. We can help with some of the physical needs. We can support food drives and blood drives. We can encourage fostering and adopting. The list is long, and the world for sure needs all the good we can do. Even a cup of cold water given in Jesus’ name has its reward, (Mt. 10:42). “As we have therefore opportunity let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith,” (Gal. 6:10). “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” (Mk. 12:31. Cf. Lev. 19:18).



This world is not our home, but it is our home for now. That is why we do good things for others. This world is not forever and that is why we share the Gospel.

What opportunities are you finding to “do good to all men” during this COVID-19 shut down? Have you reached out to your mayor or other city officials to let them know you are praying for them? What about your state representative or senator? Have you prayed for them even while on the phone with them? They are overwhelmed with demands. I suspect your contact to bless them with prayer and encouragement will be a breath of fresh air that they will long remember. It can be an open door for gospel ministry, especially if you consistently pursue it. Right now, more than any other time, if you called the office of an elected official and communicated that as a pastor you just wanted to encourage them and pray for them, I suspect you might find a wide-open door of opportunity.

I am not looking to add to your already too long to-do list. Like my own pastor, you may be finding that you are busier than ever! So I think I am sensitive to this. But if you can find a few minutes every other week to make a connection with one or more elected officials, I have to believe God will use that, in your life and in theirs.

Please know we are praying for God’s blessing on and protection of your church and ministry.

For COVID-19 resources, including important information about the Paycheck Protection Provisions of the CARES Act as it relates to ministries, please visit our website [HERE](#).

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
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PS: Wisconsin’s Spring Nonpartisan General Election is now history—and will undoubtedly go down as one of the most bizarre elections in our state’s history, filled with crisis and chaos unlike any we’ve ever experienced. Thank you for keeping your people informed about the election and about the importance of honoring God with their vote. We know you have made a difference—and we are extremely grateful.