

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

If we failed last year and want to put things right, how can we do it?

Jesus says the two most important commandments are: love God, and your neighbour.

It's often easier to ignore the pain of others, like the Priest and Levite passing by the injured person on the road. We may believe we have legitimate reasons for avoiding people. Love, like the Good Samaritan, is not afraid to get its hands dirty and is defiantly not indifferent. Love does not harm, ignore or not care about others. We can re-consider the effect of our choices: where we spend our time, money, energy.

We may have good intentions, heaps of resources and good ideas, but unless we do something we are like a car filled with petrol, oil, brand new tyres, engine revving; going nowhere because the gear's in neutral!!

How can we start? Look around. Be aware. Start to care. Society's motto? Look after number one. In a world like this the strong prosper, the weak suffer. Many people feel they don't need God. Attitudes are becoming indifferent, even hostile.

There are more poor, sick and vulnerable people around than ever. It's our job to love. That means if some one's in trouble, we can say: "I will pray for you" but seek to offer practical help too!

When Jesus talks of those faithful to him, he says that we fed, gave water and clothed him. We may ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick, in prison, and go to visit you?'

'The King (Jesus) will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

People watched as a sheep was drowning in a river , but one man dived in to rescue it. Did he ruin his clothes, soak his new i Phone or become late for his appointment; are we willing to be inconvenienced for others? Will our choices show love for our neighbours or feed desires for comfort?

Faith is good, but faith without works is dead.

So what does the Lord require of us?

“But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do,
what God is looking for in men and women.
It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don’t take yourself too seriously—
take God seriously.” Micah 6: 8 (The Message)

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Please call if you want someone to talk to or would like us to pray for you: 01834 831533/07827 293781.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet at Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.