



21 Day Challenge Day 8

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

1 John 3:17

When we are going through the storm and things are just crazy and unbearable, it's very easy to become self-centered. It's easy to go to God and say, "What about me, Lord? When are you going to meet my need?" I just have to wonder if during those times when we wonder if He's listening at all, could He be waiting for us to think about someone else?

How do I become a better me? By Thinking About The Needs of Others!

***Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11***

If I need encouragement today, I need to try encouraging someone else. Feeling sorry for ourselves will certainly keep us in the worst pity party going. But, if we forget about ourselves for a hot moment and tell someone else about the goodness of God, before long you will have forgotten what you were upset about.

Hebrews 13:16, ESV Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Can God use what He has blessed me with to bless someone else? Can He pour into me so that I can pour into someone else. Sometimes we have to do more than pray. Sometimes we

may have to buy a meal, share a shirt, give a ride, pay a bill or just sit with someone who is having a radiation treatment. Remember, it's not about us...it's all about how can God use me today?

Philippians 2:4, ESV Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Can we get excited about someone else's dream for just a minute? Have you ever been bubbling over with excitement about a vision that you believe God gave you but you couldn't find not one Godly person to tell? That is not a good feeling. Get excited with a fellow believer and stand with them in agreement. Just like God sent someone to pray over our vision, can we not do the same?

Proverbs 19:17, ESV Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Now, we should never do good because we are looking for a reward. We should want to help just because it's the Christ-like thing to do. But God has said that He will repay! Whatever we make happen for someone else He will make happen for us. If you need a blessing, be a blessing. If you need prayer, pray for someone else. If you need a kind word, smile at someone and mean it...it will all come back to you when you least expect it.