

THE SHARING CHOICE

Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes - Part 8 November 22, 2009

Matthew 5:9 (NRSV) *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

2 Corinthians 5:19 (CEV) *"God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And He has given us the work of sharing His message about peace."*

THE SHARING CHOICE: *Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.*

2 Corinthians 1:2-4 (CEV) *"I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. ⁴ He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share that same comfort with others in trouble."*

WHAT CAN I SHARE TO HELP OTHERS?

1. How _____ got my _____.

Proverbs 20:30 (TEV) *"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways."*

To Help Other People You Must Be Honest About...

Σ Your _____.

2 Corinthians 6:11 (TEV) *"...We have spoken frankly to you; we have opened our hearts wide."*

Σ Your _____.

Galatians 6:5 (TLB) *"Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect!"*

Σ Your _____.

1 Timothy 1:15b (NIV) *"... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst."*

Σ Your _____.

Romans 7:18-19 (GW) *"Although I have the desire to do what is right, I don't do it. ¹⁹ I don't do the good I want to do. Instead, I do the evil that I don't want to do."*

Σ Your _____.

2 Corinthians 12:20 (MSG) *"I do admit that I have fears that when I come you'll disappoint me and I'll disappoint you, and in frustration with each other everything will fall to pieces..."*

2. What I've _____ in the _____.

Σ I learned to _____ on God's love.

2 Corinthians 1:8b-10 (TLB) *"We were really crushed and overwhelmed... ⁹ and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us...¹⁰ And He did help us..."*

Σ I learned to _____ God's Word.

Psalms 119:71a (TLB) *"The punishment You gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to Your laws..."*

Σ I learned that I _____ other people.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12 (NCV) *"Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. ¹⁰ If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. ¹² An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break."*

3. How God can bring _____ out of _____.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him..."*