

Everything
happens
for a reason

God helps those
who help
themselves

Jesus Didn't Say THAT

God won't
give you more
than you
can handle

Love the sinner
hate the sin

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
NRSV

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

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Recap – An “everything happens for a reason” belief leads to a “nothing I do matters” lifestyle.

___% of respondents of a Barna survey believe GHTWHT is in the Bible.

Conveniences – It keeps us from having _____ on Christ.

-It is helpful when we are _____ others.

-The problem is this phrase is _____ true and _____ untrue.

The One-Third Truth

-God desires us to help ourselves when we are _____.

“Anyone unwilling to _____ should not _____.”

2 Thessalonians 3:10

-Do not take advantage of someone else’s _____.

-Paul told them Jesus was returning and some of them _____ their jobs.

-*Ora et Labora* – “_____ and _____.”

The Two-Thirds Untruth

1. God tells us to help in _____ name those who cannot help themselves.

“When you reap the harvest of your land,
you shall not _____ to the very edges of your field”

Leviticus 23:22

-Israel was told to care for the _____ b/c they were once _____.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the _____ of these who
are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40

-Jesus is _____ about helping those who cannot help themselves.

2. God helps the _____.

“For by _____ you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God”

Ephesians 2:8

-God’s character is to help the helpless, which includes _____.

Does our character display that of God’s for the
widow, the poor, the orphan, and the alien?

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Action Steps

-Help someone regardless of whether you believe they _____ it.

-_____ for the things you _____ for

and _____ for the things you _____ for.