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Orphans, Widows, Poor and the Oppressed



Ministries in Action
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1. **Climb Aboard.**
Find worthy community programs already operating in your neighborhood, and get involved! You do not need any expertise, just a willing hand or as simple as a hearing heart. If you have an expertise or an abundance of talent in a given area, look for groups that need your talents.
2. **Child Care.**
Seek out a single mother in church or your neighborhood. Remember, single women are a type of widow and their children most often are a type of orphan. Offer to babysit her children regularly so she can get her shopping done or so she can get a short break from the pressures of being a mother and a father.
3. **Let Them In.**
Open your home to foster children, or adopt children. Social Services deal with many unwanted "special needs" longing for loving parents. Be an advocate for foster children in court! As an advocate, it is your duty to assure that the child's best interests are being looked after.
4. **Food for the homeless**
This is a touchy area because for many it's their choice. If someone is carrying a sign, do not respond to the sign! However, if a homeless person should approach you asking for help then you are obligated to help. Do not judge, just love your neighbor and offer any assistance that you are able. The best practice is to purchase a meal and sit with that person and get to know him/her. Maybe your paths will cross again or maybe not. Be ready to love your neighbor, even when it seems hopeless. If a poor person demands alms, then reject him/her and go your way.
5. **Help a widow.**
Offer an elderly widow to do grocery shopping or give her a ride to a Doctor's Appointment. Spend some time with her asking about life, you'll be surprised at what you will hear. If you have an expertise in real estate, selling or buying automobiles and other areas be an advocate for the widow. Do for her what you would do for your own father or mother. Do not let them be taken advantage of!
6. **Fast and Pray.**
Read Isaiah 58 and fast and pray one day a week for the widows and orphans in your community. Ask God the Father to bring your paths together so you can help them.
7. **Taxi Service**
Offer a single mother to take her kids to school or pick them up from school.

8. Care of a family.

Reach out to a family in crisis or is struggling in your church! Invite them to dinner or take them out to lunch. Help them with their needs at home. Seek others to help. Pay their electrical or gas bills. Make sure they have medicines for any illness that they may have with a family member. Don't just stand there and say "I will pray for you" you are the prayer that the Father sent to help out!

9. Free Lunch

Keep some credit cards that offer a meal, groceries, gasoline at certain locations. Give them out as you come across someone in need.

10. Invest yourself in prison ministry. Join a group that visits prisoners. Or help care for a prisoner's family.

These are just ten examples of putting into action ministries to the orphan, widow, poor and the oppressed. Make time. Turn off the Television, Internet or drop out of any club that only seeks it's own.

Steady as she goes. Do not invest your time that interferes with your work or family. Burnout is a major obstacle that many will face. A healthy dose for families is 3-5 hours a month. Most of the time you'll discover that a ministry will be seasonal. Or simply being at the right place at the right time. Always have your testimony ready to give when you are ministering to others. Do not judge, or correct them. (They know!) Just love them for who they are and let God the Father do the judging and correcting.

On behalf of the Didache Fellowship we hope and pray that this will help you put into practice a ministry to others. You will make mistakes as you go! More importantly, seek out others to assist you with any ministry that you may pursue. Do not go it alone!