

## Living Life for Those Who Are Least

### Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:31-46

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*  
—Matthew 25:40—

A news story last year highlighted an 18-year-old college student who was killed while crossing a road. According to the story, she had lived her short life reaching out to many who are often considered “least” in our society. At a school prom, she danced with someone who had been standing alone because he was “different.” On some of her vacations she was actively involved in an overseas orphanage.

Volunteering at a community program, I had the opportunity to observe high school and college-age young adults who spent part of their summer vacation mentoring young adults with special needs. It was a treat to see them reach out to people who are often considered “least.” They were putting Jesus’ words into practice.

I know too about many retirees who give hours and hours of their time to volunteer, to share, and to make themselves available to people who need help. One couple logged 75,000 miles in their vehicle while working for a church organization. Many other retirees, no longer able to get around, reach out by praying for underprivileged people or by sending cards and gifts to those who need them.

This is the calling of people who know the kingdom of God is within them: to use the gifts we have in order to serve every-one as we would serve Christ himself.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times we have walked past people whom we have judged to be “least.” Thank you for those who have stopped to help. Amen.*

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