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That Works**

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.
James 1:27



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**Ways to Minister to
Need:**

1. Calling



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**Who are some people to
whom you can minister
this week through a
phone call?**



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**Ways to Minister to
Need:**

1. Calling
2. Caring



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Ways to Care for Others

- **Unemployed**
- **Singles**
- **Elderly**




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What have you done that you would consider an act of caring for someone outside your immediate family?




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What happened around you or close to you that presented opportunities for you to show Christ's care but you *did not* respond?



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How can those who take their caring ministry seriously be more alert to opportunities to show the love of Christ with people in need?



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Ways to Minister to Need:


1. Calling
2. Caring
3. Encouraging



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Who can you think of that needs a word of encouragement?

What can you do to provide encouragement to the person(s)?



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Ways to Minister to Need:


1. Calling
2. Caring
3. Encouraging
4. Referring
5. Writing



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Opportunities To Write A Short Note

- birthdays
- anniversaries
- special recognition




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A FAMILY MINISTRY THAT WORKS USES BASICS FOR IMPACT

Session 8 – Hospital Visitation



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How to Make A Hospital Visit

- Arrival Time
- Knock & Wait
- Introduce Yourself
- Be Seen



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Things Not to Do In A Hospital Visit

- Don't offer your hand
- Don't sit down
- Never sit on the bed.
- Do not wake a sleeping patient
- Don't offer medical advice



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How to Make A Hospital Visit


- Arrival Time
- Knock & Wait
- Introduce Yourself
- Be Seen
- Keep Visits Brief
- Focus on the Patient



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Focus On The Patient

- **Instead of asking,**
– “How are you feeling?”
- **...You might ask,**
– “How are things going today?”



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How to Make A Hospital Visit

- **Arrival Time**
- **Knock & Wait**
- **Introduce Yourself**
- **Be Seen**
- **Keep Visits Brief**
- **Focus on the Patient**
- **Offer Prayer As You Leave**



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Offer Prayer As You Leave

- **When praying, be comprehensive and specific.**
 - Pray for the patient’s freedom from pain
 - Pray about family concerns, if any
 - Pray for God’s will to be accomplished in this sickness and recovery
 - Express dependence upon the Lord



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