

## **Spiritual Needs of Others**

† **1 Thessalonians 1:6-8** *You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.*

The most profound need we all have is completely spiritual and beyond our achieving. Our natures are completely sinful, unwilling, and unable to do anything about it. We are completely helpless. But of course, God took care of the problem with Jesus. Christians know this, are blessed by the knowledge, and share it with the unbelieving world.

Christians meet Spiritual needs of others by showing the love of God through evangelism, prayer, or sharing God's Word. The greatest love shown came in Jesus' sacrifice to save the world. As we tell others about that love by sharing the truth of God's Word, we are meeting the greatest need anyone can ever have. The good news of salvation is the ultimate cure for all ills.

Some might say, "Christians should all be good at filling this need in others." In an ideal world, yes, most certainly true. Unfortunately, some Christians are hesitant to do this. Not everyone has the personality to speak comfortably about the Gospel message.

In his wisdom, God has gifted some Christians with a special ability to relate to others spiritually, and to console them. Such people often become pastors or teachers, but not all. Many Christians are like the Thessalonians and model God's love to everyone who sees them. You only need God's Word and knowledge of his sacrifice to tell.

Is this your gift and passion? Does your heart ache for those crying out for spiritual comfort? Are you brave in the Lord to tell others? What a blessing! Your personal ministry of sharing is a model for all believers. What a blessing you are to the church and the world around you! Live in him, with him, for him.

***Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.***