

HALF TRUTHS

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES
AND OTHER THINGS THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY



Everything happens for a reason

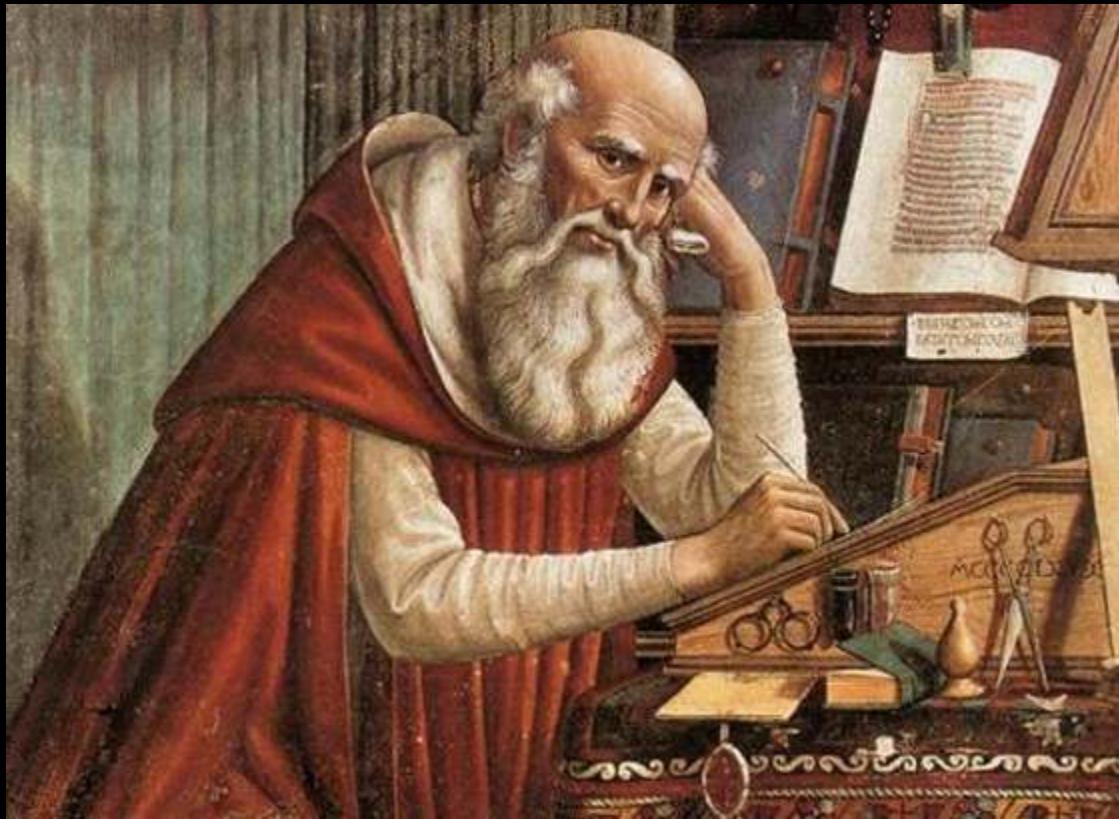
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God wont give you more than you can handle

Love the sinner hate the sin



**GOD HELPS THOSE WHO
HELP THEMSELVES?**



**“Pray as if everything depended on God and work
as if everything depends on you.”**

“God is committed to helping those who can’t help themselves”



He defends the cause
of the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the foreigner residing among you,
giving them food and clothing.
And you are to love those who are foreigners,
for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10: 18-19

**“God is committed to helping
those who can’t help themselves”**



**The foreigner
The widow
The orphan**

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**The weak
The vulnerable
The helpless
Those unable to help themselves.**

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

(Deuteronomy 24:19-21).

The Law of Gleaning



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That is why I command you to do this. (Deut. 24:22)







RESTORING DIGNITY, RENEWING HOPE

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members



When one neighbour
helps another
We strengthen
our community

We rise by lifting
others



Have a heart
lend a hand
Stand out and
make a difference



One person can make
a difference,
and everyone should
try



“God helps those who help themselves”

Is God's attitude towards us dependent upon our effort, our achievement, our faith ... our getting our act together?

Do we have to 'deserve' God's help or is God's help a reflection of his grace and mercy?



**Grace is when God gives
us good things that
we don't deserve.**

**Mercy is when He spares us
from bad things we deserve.**

**Blessings are when He is
generous with both.**

**Truly, we can never run out
of reasons to thank Him.
God is Good All The Time!**

Grace and mercy towards

Those whose lifestyle I disapprove of.

Those who have wasted their skills and gifts.

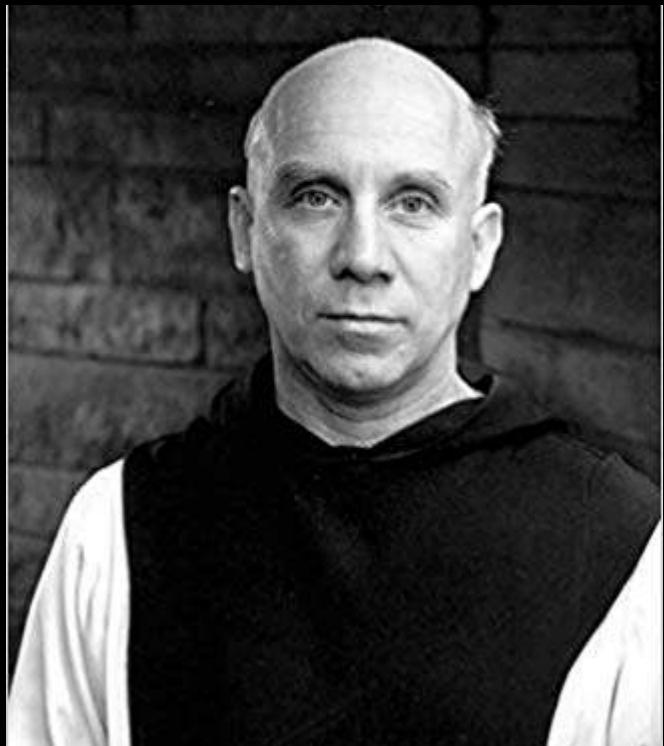
Those who get in the same mess time and time again.

Those who have themselves to blame.

Those who don't like me.







"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbours worthy."

(Thomas Merton)

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