

# Helping Without Hurting

(Luke 10:30-37)

- Introduction:
1. Most of us are familiar with the parable of the “Good Samaritan.”
  2. However, helping others is not without its risks.
  3. Sometimes our offers to help isn’t appreciated, and in fact, can actually hurt a person.
    - a. Thus our “Good Samaritan” laws.
  4. But surely, the last thing we want to do when trying to help another is to hurt them.
  5. This lesson will offer a few ways we can avoid hurting those whom we are trying to help.

## I. Determine To Be A Helper

- A. (Acts 10:38).
- B. (Luke 10:36-37).
- C. Don’t blindly walk by those who are hurting.

## II. Don’t Apply Too Much Pressure

- A. (Matthew 23:15).
- B. (Galatians 1:6-7; 2:4-5; 5:1).
- C. Don’t bind man-made rules.

## III. Apply Sufficient Pressure

- A. (2 John 9).
- B. (1 Corinthians 4:6).
- C. Don’t loose God-given rules.

## IV. Don’t Enable People

- A. (John 6:10,15,41,66).
- B. (2 Thessalonians 3:10).
- C. Don’t help people escape their God-given responsibility.

## V. Don’t Make It About You

- A. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
- B. (Matthew 6:5,16).
- C. (Matthew 5:16).
- D. Don’t manipulate people for your own agenda.

- Conclusion:
1. Remember, God works through people.
  2. Don’t deny God the opportunity to do good because you’re unwilling to help.
  3. But as we help, let’s give care not to do any harm.