

DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY...

“GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES”

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“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

Why do people want to “help themselves”? How can it be good for us to strive, work, or persist in helping ourselves? How and when can “helping ourselves” become a problem?

Four Biblical Truths regarding, “God helps those who help themselves.”

1. The Bible values effort, hard work, and the work ethic. How do these verses support this truth; Colossians 3:23-24; Galatians 6:5; 1 Thesalonians 4:11-12? What do these verses teach you about the way that you work?
2. The Bible values wisdom. God gives us wisdom about relationships, finances, raising children, and most of all the way of salvation. Why is it important to seek wisdom? What is the wisdom that you have about getting to heaven?
3. The Bible always reminds us that life is tenuous. Read Jesus story in Matthew 7:24-27 and note that storms come to everybody. What does the fragile nature of the “house” you are building teach you about what is really important? How are you making Jesus the rock in your life?
4. The Bible always speaks of God operating by grace. Everything good is a gift from God. How does living with a thankful heart help you realize God’s gracious heart?
Read and take to heart Ephesians 2:8-10.

How is the phrase, “God helps those who can’t help themselves” Biblical?