

10 WAYS TO HELP - NOW

With faith and action we please the Father. By walking out our beliefs and letting others see our good deeds we are demonstrating the love of Jesus to our world.

- **Love Your Neighbor.** How are the people of your neighborhood? Anyone hungry? In need of something you can give? Take a plate of cookies and go door to door to say hi. Leave a business card. Let them know you care and you are there for them. Become a neighborhood family.
- **Love Your Community.** Assess the needs in your community. Do some research. Do the food banks have needs? The pregnancy resource centers? Do Senior Citizens need company? Create a list of needs and share it with others.
- **Study and Inform Others.** Launch a book club. Read the constitution together. Create an email list. Invite others to join you and learn together.
- **Seek to Know and Be Known By Elected Leaders.** Introduce yourselves to leaders via email or in person. Show up to their coffee hours. Ask them how you can help. Seek to better understand.
- **Serve on a Citizen Board.** Reach out to your local city leadership: do you have boards you are looking for citizens to volunteer for? How can I apply?
- **Build a Team.** Invite others to join you, delegate tasks, create opportunities, encourage others to be part of the fun of influence.
- **Find Needs and Serve.** Identify needs in the community and find ways to serve without fanfare. Pick up the trash along the highway; offer to pay for the roof that the homeless shelter needs; pursue fixing the playground equipment. If government isn't showing up, then let the neighborhood see how things are supposed to be - people helping people, not government.
- **Show Up for 15 minutes to Local Meetings.** Make a choice to attend a local city council meeting or the next township board meeting for even 15 minutes. Yes, just by walking in and standing in the back of the room will have people talking. Let them know you are "here" and you are watching and listening and that you care about the decisions being made.
- **Adopt a New Habit as Part of Life.** You grocery shop? Make it a new "habit" to always buy diapers for the pregnancy resource center and drop them off on your way home. Know a senior citizen who is all alone? Make it part of your routine to cook food for them too with your family meals and drop them off during the week.
- **See a need? Launch it.** Think your town needs a way for neighbors to fellowship? Throw a BBQ in your driveway and pass out flyers! Think your community needs a 4th of July celebration, contact city hall to see how you could go about organizing it.

You are created for such a time as this. You are an answer to people's prayers. And the problems you see are waiting on the solutions Heaven is ready to deliver through you.