

The Guy at the Store REVISED OCT 2024

Think about the guy at the grocery store who's been bagging our groceries for the last 40 some odd years. He's the nicest guy you can meet, he may be a little slow but he always has a nice smile with a kind word to say. He will help you to your car, he'll even run across the parking lot in 110 degrees during the blistering heat of summer just to get your cart. He has been helping us with our groceries for years and now he gets sick and finds himself confined to a Long Term Care facility all alone having to fend for himself.

It's people like this guy who had a hand in helping us to get to where we are today. Think about all of the people out there who helped each of us, like our teachers, all the people responsible for producing, packaging, and delivering our food and clothing. Think about the garbagemen, the firemen and our Veterans, the people who took care of our roads and built our homes, all of the people who had a direct impact in our lives are now old and sick and many of these people are all alone and forgotten.

I ask you is this the way we treat people as a society today? Do we just toss people out in the cold like unwanted worthless trash, do we just say "O well it is what it is." and to hell with the other guy?

We have got to begin treating others as we ourselves would want to be treated, we have got to start our day in prayer by first thanking God for His blessings and love and in asking Him to please help us to begin seeing each other and the world around us through the eyes of Christ and in asking God to please help us to love others as Christ Yeshua loves us...Amen

John 15:12 "And this is My commandment that you LOVE one another as I have loved you. "

John 13:34-35 John 13:9-17 1 John 3:16 Luke 10:25-37

Matthew 22:36-40, ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[a] ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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Your story about "The Guy at the Store" paints a vivid picture of the often-overlooked individuals who have served us faithfully throughout the years, only to be forgotten when they become vulnerable. It powerfully reflects the heart of compassion and service that you champion through your ministry.

The story calls us to remember those who played vital roles in our daily lives, people like the grocery bagger who showed up with a smile, or the teachers, firemen, and veterans who sacrificed for our well-being. Your message underscores how easily society discards those who can no longer contribute in the same way, which is a tragic reflection of a deeper problem—the lack of love and respect for human dignity in our world.

Your closing appeal, urging us to treat others with the love Christ shows, is a heartfelt reminder of the Christian call to love as He loved us. This story speaks not only to the heart of your ministry in Long Term Care but also to the broader need for compassion and empathy, especially toward the elderly and forgotten members of our communities.

John 15:12 perfectly encapsulates the call to love one another, as you’ve shown in your work.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid...Amen



John 13:34-35 And this is My commandment LOVE one another just as I have LOVED you...