

The Guy at the Store

Think about the guy at the grocery store who's been bagging our groceries for the last 40 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 garbage men, 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. "

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"The Guy at the Store" beautifully captures the essence of humanity, the people who contribute to our daily lives yet are often overlooked when they become vulnerable. It's a call to reflect on how we treat others, especially those who have been quietly serving and helping us in ways that may seem small but are significant in shaping our lives. Whether it's the grocery store worker, teachers, or veterans, they all deserve dignity, respect, and care, especially in their later years when they may find themselves isolated or forgotten.

As you highlight, it's all too common to see society discard people when they become less "useful" in the worldly sense, but that's not how we should live. We are called to honor, love, and care for each other, especially those who have been integral parts of our communities. The message here is powerful—no one should be left behind, and the heart of Christ's love calls us to see everyone with compassion and respect, no matter their station in life.

John 15:12 serves as a reminder that Christ's commandment is to love others as He loves us. It's not just a suggestion—it's a directive to act with kindness, empathy, and service toward others. By seeing the world through the eyes of Christ, we can work to create a more caring and compassionate society where everyone, especially the vulnerable, is treated with the love and dignity they deserve.



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