

A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE TO
"OVERLY NEEDY PEOPLE"
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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIEF AND RESTORATION

RELIEF | IMMEDIATE AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

RESTORATION | WORKING WITH PEOPLE TO RESTORE
THEM TO THEIR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL

Acts 3:1-10 (ESV) *Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.*

RESTORATION REFUSES TO WORK FOR PEOPLE;
INSTEAD IT SACRIFICES TO WORK WITH PEOPLE.

THREE PRAYERS OF RESTORATION

1. GOD, HELP ME GIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY TRULY NEED
NOT JUST WHAT THEY WANT
2. GOD, HELP ME STAY OUT OF THE WAY BY NOT
CONTINUALLY RESCUING PEOPLE FROM THEIR
CONSEQUENCES

Galatians 6:7 (ESV) *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.*

Luke 15:17-24 (ESV) ¹⁷*"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.*

3. GOD, HELP ME TO REMEMBER THAT I'M IN NEED TOO
AND YOU ARE ALWAYS THE ANSWER

Psalms 70:5 (ESV) *But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.*

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