

## HELPING PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO BE HELPED

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\* Purpose of sermon -- To discuss the question -- How do you help people who don't want to be helped?

\* For the record -- Some of this material was given on 6/29/13

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\*It is easier to help someone -- when they are seeking your help

Prov. 26:17            he who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not  
                         his own -- is like one who takes a dog by  
                         the ear

1 Pet. 3:15            be ready to give an answer -- when they ask you

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\*In certain roles in your life, you have a responsibility (and authority)

Eph. 6:4                parents and small children

Eph. 6:9                master and servant -- employers and employees

\*In others roles in your life, you are basing your help upon the maturity level of the other person and upon your relationship with the person

Ezek. 18:19-20        parents and older children

Eph. 5:21-33        marriage roles

Acts 20:28            leaders -- to shepherd the Church of God

2 Cor. 1:24            helpers of your joy -- have no dominion over your  
                         faith -- they may have limited  
                         responsibility for administrative order

Gal. 6:1                helping anyone -- seek to restore in the spirit  
                         of meekness

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\* Helpful reminders

1 Cor. 3:6-7            planting and watering

1 Cor. 9:19-23        recognizing their world

2 Cor. 10:1-2        try meekness and gentleness first -- progress  
                         to appropriate boldness

The more carnal and immature the audience, the quicker boldness must be applied to establish a firm foundation

-- The more spiritual and mature the audience, the more meekness can  
be tried