

Charity With Our Brother

Introduction

Read the following or relate it in your own words.

There is so much for young people to learn about getting along with others, and keeping a right relationship to God and with them. It is so easy to constantly forget that a child of God must have charity—*“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* —Galatians 5:14. A life is primarily made up of little acts—charitable or otherwise.

The Scripture

Read the Scripture to the group.

“Though I have all knowledge, and have not charity, I am nothing.” —1 Corinthians 13:2

A Real Life Example

Read the following or relate it in your own words.

Playing Ball

Sam, Hal, and Chuck had just reached the park where they were going to play ball for a while. They were all very smart, and they had been talking about the good grades that they had all received at the end of the semester. As they got ready to play, Sam said, “Oh, no. Here comes Joey.”

“So, what’s wrong with that?” asked Chuck.

“Well, he’s not very smart at all, and he’s very poor. I just don’t like to hang around with him. And he’s coming with his ball glove on top of it.”

“We can just tell him that we decided to play three-cornered,” said Hal.

“Wouldn’t that be rude?” asked Chuck.

“Nah, nobody likes to play with Joey,” said Hal.

Chuck felt uncomfortable about that. He remembered some parts of a verse from Sunday school the day before. He knew it went something like: *“Though I have all knowledge, and have not charity, I am nothing.”* —1 Corinthians 13:2. Now, he knew what he needed to do. “Hey, guys,” he said, “I brought my ball too. You two play catch together, and I will play with Joey.”

Chuck had a good time with Joey, and they became friends that day.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you think it is easier for boys or girls who get really good grades to be a little prouder than those who don’t? Explain your answer.
2. Why is it that if people are proud over a few things, they tend to think they are better than

others?

3. When people think they are better than others, why do they want to stop being with certain people who they think are not as good as them?
4. How did Chuck's decision reflect a true spirit of charity?
5. Why is charity more important than knowledge?
6. Do you think it is sinful to act uncharitably? Explain your answer.
7. Can you think of any more real life situations, which would show a true spirit of charity, rather than a boastful or proud spirit?

Conclusion and Resolution

Read the Scripture again. Read or explain the conclusion in your own words. Ask the group to suggest what specific changes that they can resolve to make in their daily lives that will help them to implement needed changes in this area. Ask them to especially consider things they have learned in the Bible to use as scriptural guideposts to a more competent and productive life.

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As the Scripture says, it really doesn't matter how much knowledge we have. It is worthless, and certainly nothing we should be proud of. What is important to God is how we use it to treat others.

Teacher's Notes
