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“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Ephesians 2

In the series, *Vitality: Undo the Deception*, we have been learning the common deceptions about **life**, about **ourselves** and about **God**.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man’s spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God... We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.” —A.W. Tozer

Notes:

“You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.” —Dr. Adrian Rogers

Notes:

It is a great delusion to think that God thinks like we think.

Isaiah 55:7-9

Notes:

God does not help those who help themselves. God helps those who _____ themselves.

1 Peter 5:6-11

What About Those Who are Crippled by _____?

Notes:

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

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“The weaker a vessel, the more clearly
God’s grace shines forth.”

—John MacArthur

What About Those Who are Exhausted in _____?

Notes:

2 Chronicles 20:12, 15

Isaiah 40:31

What About Those Who are Limited in _____?

John 6:9

Notes:

What About Those Who are Dead in _____?

Ephesians 2:1-2

Ephesians 2:4-5

Ephesians 2:8-10

Luke 18:9-14

Matthew 21:31

Notes:

“ _____ is God giving us what we don’t deserve. _____ is shielding us from what we do deserve.”

God doesn’t help those who help themselves. He helps the _____ who humble themselves and rely on His mercy and grace.

1 Peter 5:10-11



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