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## **Monday**

Ezek. 33:7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.

The role of the 'watchman' is pivotal to the safety and well being of the community. A spiritual watchman is even more pivotal for he/she stands guard over the very souls of the people. Be aware of God's call to you to be a watchman for your neighborhood. Bear the responsibility for your city, your community, your neighbors. Ask God to give to you a sense of your calling and instill in you a burden for the men and women, the families, the children in your area(s) of influence. Pray for God to place *His burden* for your neighbors upon *your heart*.

## **Tuesday**

Acts 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us,  
'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES,  
THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

Have you come to terms with the reality that God has providentially placed you in your neighborhood? If you are seeking to walk with Him then you can be assured of this simple truth, God has orchestrated your steps to fit into His plan. You reside where you do because your personality, your gifts, and God's grace in your life are intended to impact your neighbors. Such truth is both blessing and responsibility. God has a plan for your life that includes a ministry and mission to your neighbors. He will guide you and use you as you embrace His calling upon your life. He has placed you there to be a light to bring salvation to your neighbors.

## **Wednesday**

Luke 10:32 "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side."

Simply being 'religious' does not automatically mean that we are walking in the will of God. This Levite was a studied student of scripture, yet he misses the very heart of God's plan for his life. That plan was to notice and minister to the neighbor in his path. Instead, he walked right by and never gave him thought. Do you give intentional thought to the people in your path? Are you looking for ways to minister? Will you make a plan now to bring the grace of God to your neighbors? How do you begin? First, simply notice their existence and by giving attention to their lives. Stop driving by unaware of their existence in need.

## **Thursday**

Luke 10:29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The plan? To avoid responsibility, to seek God's exemption from the second great command, that was the reason for the man's question. So too, we try to avoid our responsibilities in God's Kingdom. Sometimes we stoop so low as to use 'grace' as our excuse. Though no longer under the burden of the law, those who have genuinely experienced the mercy and grace of God are under a stronger mandate to share that love with others. Are you engaged in the mission of the Kingdom? Are you sharing the love that God has given you with those in your path?

## **Friday**

Matt. 5:13-14 "You are the salt of the earth..." "You are the light of the world."

God has called you to be 'salt' and 'light' in your neighborhood. You are there to demonstrate the love and grace of God through your interactions. You should be an example of what God desires a man or woman or family to be. Salt preserves and enhances flavor. Light leads the way in the midst of darkness, bringing hope and guidance. God has placed you where you are to preserve and enhance the lives of others. He has placed you in the midst of your neighborhood so that you can lead the way to Jesus, bringing hope and grace. Be the salt and light of your world.