

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:10-13



We just finished praying with the leadership at Eastwood Baptist church before the food ministry begins. There have been four decisions for Christ in the past two weeks and the church is doing a great job of follow-up on the new believers. I am never satisfied with just decisions because we want to see a real life change and the Kingdom of God come in these peoples lives. The job just begins when someone makes a decision.

During the past forty days we have seen forty –one people pray to receive Christ. Our counselors have shared the Gospel with 348 people one on one during this time span. It is such fun to see God working each day in people's lives.

I have been determined to share our needs with God instead of trying gimmicks or begging to meet the needs of the ministry. God is the only one who can get these things done. We do all of this to bring glory to God. Paul says, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

I wrote this statement in my Bible and it has been one of the guiding principles in what I do in ministry. It says I must make a difference in "my world" before I can make a difference in "the world." Stay committed to God in a dynamic relationship and God will allow you to make a difference in other peoples lives.

We have the greatest group of people working in Lifelines. Their hearts desire is to see people saved and discipled. Working with them is the best part of the ministry. They give me energy to keep pressing forward each day. I know I am not alone in the battle for men and women's souls. I enjoy working with them more than I can express with words. You are truly "my joy and my crown."

Remember to read your Bible and to pray! -Richard Gay