

Where Is Your Brother?

Did you see him on your way to work this morning and neglect to give him your change? Did you see him stranded on the side of the road and neglect to at the very least call for help on the phone/device you can't live without? Did you hear about them being in the hospital and at the very least inquired about their well-being if you could not get to them? Maybe you heard that they were going through a divorce and meant to reach out, but didn't know how. Were they on your mind and you still neglected to give them a call, just to ask; how are you doing, how have you been? Or say I was thinking of you, or simply I love you?

So, where is your brother? When God asked Cain this question, He already knew the answer; that Cain had killed Abel. He was giving Cain an opportunity to take responsibility. God is giving us the same opportunity every day, so if you don't get it right today, you'll have another chance tomorrow, should it come.

If we are to be our brothers/sisters' keeper, we must:

Look; seeking them out, calling them up and simply paying attention. People will tell you more about themselves without saying a single word. We must pay attention to the small details. Do you see the pain, the traces of tears on their faces or the cries for help in their eyes?

Listen; sometimes the best thing you can do for someone is to be an ear. Many times people just need a sounding board, someone to vent to and know that they have been heard. That someone cared enough about how they feel or that their opinion matters.

Love; with the love of God; which is: unconditional, unhesitant, and unadulterated. It must be from the purest, most sincere place in your heart where God dwells. And love requires us to be honest with one another. If I see the road you're headed on is dangerous or even worse, leads to hell, how can I in good conscience say nothing?

Lead; by example, it is difficult for someone to follow you when you're inconsistent, so be consistent. Just as we had to learn from someone, others will learn from us.

If you don't know where your brother is, isn't it time you found out?

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