

Side by Side - Chapter 7

1. Chapter 7 serves as both an introduction to chapters 8-17 and explains the main reason why we are able to come alongside of and help each other. What is that reason?
2. Explain the connection between the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ, and true wisdom.
3. Based on I Corinthians 1:26-29, Welch writes, “God has determined that run-of-the-mill people do most of His work.” How does this truth aid you in both offering and asking for help?
4. Have you ever been “bored out of your mind” by a so-called Bible expert whose “mere knowledge” was not enough to help you?
5. Do you ever feel worthless? If (when) that happens, do you tend to ignore, debate, or succumb to this feeling? What does Welch say is the wise way to deal with this feeling of worthlessness?
6. Note the six traits of good helpers listed on page 67. Do you have any trouble exhibiting these attitudes or behaviors when you help others?
7. Have you ever been helped when others exhibited these attitudes or behaviors to you?
8. Have you ever been hurt when others failed to exhibit these attitudes or behaviors to you?
9. Did Welch leave anything off the above list that you have found to be true of those who have helped you in the past (see two questions of page 71)?
10. In closing, let us reflect on the truths of the last paragraphs of pages 69 ad 71.