Why Would Anyone Want You to Help Him? John Crawford

I. Introduction.

- A. Questions to ask.
 - 1. We first ask if the person needs help and what kind of help he needs.
 - 2. We then ask, why me?
 - 3. Regardless of why the person needs help, he is unique. (Psalm 139:13)
- B. God has a lot of patterns for people—every individual is unique.
 - 1. If you want to help a person, you need to help them be themselves.
 - 2. God has a special plan for us knowing all about us.

C. If someone wants you to help them it is probably because they have seen something in you.

II. What a person must do to be a good pattern? (1 Thessalonians)

A. Appreciate others. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

- B. Have power with assurance. (1 Thessalonians 1:4, Acts 1:8, 1 Samuel 2:3)
- C. Be consistent.
- D. Be credible.
- E. Pray. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, John 15, John 17)
 - 1. You can pray through the Scriptures verse by verse.
 - 2. This will help you to pray longer.
- F. A person might come to you because you know about salvation. (1 Thessalonians 2:2)

1. The gospel: the fact of sin, the penalty of sin, the penalty must be paid by Christ, it is a free gift, it must be accepted. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12)

2. We are to be a bold witness.

3. Share your faith alongside a younger Christian.

G. Be a God-pleaser. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

1. God examines our heart. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

H. Be a Satan fighter. (1 Thessalonians 2:18)

1. People are not your enemy.

2. Your enemy is Satan.

3. We fight spiritual evil with spiritual weapons. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 2:11, Mark 7:21-23)

4. Take the pure Word of God and pack it into the wicked receptacle of the heart. (Psalm 12:6)

III. Question and answer.

A. God accepts us as we are.

B. God wants us to win others to Christ, but not doing so does not make us a failure. (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:19)

Application questions

1. Why is it important in helping another man to recognize them as a unique individual?

2. Which element of setting a pattern stands out to you? Why?

3. What does it look like to be a Satan fighter today? Which areas of fighting could you use the most growth in and what might you do?