

Dear W.C.,

A friend of mine needs help. I do not know if you help people when they give you a difficult time, but I have to warn you there could be a confrontation. From what I know about you, I really believe in my heart you can help.

I met my friend at a class. I am 34 and my mom is helping me write this letter to you. My friend and I both have several different medical problems. My mom says we cannot give any more money to help my friend. Here is my friend's name and address.

Thank You and God Bless You,  
A Worried Friend

Dear Readers,

The situations that I encounter are as numerous and different as there are people. Each situation is made a little different by the obstacles that compound them. We have shared many different lifestyles and situations through our The Time Is Now to Help column. In this situation an adult who had a slight mental disability needed help. There are many who successfully live independently, sometimes with the help of prescription medications. If they stop taking their medications or take them improperly they can have a difficult time from the many different side effects.

The worried friend was correct. When I went to visit, there was a period of disruption to put it mildly. I did not want to give up and neither did God. After a lengthy introduction we got along very well. It may have been the concept that there was a visit from a new friend and at the same time when help was offered it was well accepted. After some help was given the person became defensive and distrustful. They felt they needed to be on guard against people that want to hurt you. They could not understand the concept of offering help while wanting nothing in return. This fellow creation was struggling through life with a mental disability that made them distrustful and angry at the world. No matter what the situation is I approach it with the same care, love, and kindness for each and every one.

We provided some daily necessities. By the time I went for the third visit one of those items we had given had broken. There was a very defensive attitude taken by the recipient. They questioned why I had given something that was broken. In normal circumstances you could debate that situation. In this one I could see there would be no winning that debate, I

just humbly said, "I apologize, I'm very sorry." With that, I returned with a new item. It seemed like the replacement was expected. There was no sign of gratitude like the first time, because it was thought that I had given a broken item, and this person was entitled. I was very patient and said a silent prayer.

This was a very good experience. Sometimes in life we are tested. Every time I would come to visit the person was always dressed in the clothes that I had brought in the beginning. The person would say, "See I am wearing the nice new clothes that The Time is Now had given me." I had explained that this was not from me but from all who want to help our neighbors. I learned from this situation that we need to accept everyone as they are. I did put in quite some time to try to make some adjustments in understanding, and I feel like I made some headway because upon my seventh visit I was asked "Do you remember when the TV broke and I got upset with you?" I replied, "Yes." Then the person told me that they had no good reason to be upset with me, that I was only trying to help. I cannot tell you how much that statement meant to me. Of course it made me feel good because there was finally an understanding that I was only trying to help, but it also made me understand two other things. One was the fact that this person did understand about kindness and gratitude, and the other is that I never once during that time got upset, short-sighted or felt any type of ill feelings for helping this person when they acted unkind and ungrateful.

It is very easy to help people when they are very thankful. Try helping someone who is ungrateful yet in your heart you know they are very deserving of our help because they have a handicap or are dealing with overwhelming trauma. Try to understand when they are not expressing gratitude, but instead they get upset to the point where they yell at you and lose their temper with you. You know the saying about turning the other cheek. It is a good lesson in life in all situations. How did you react the last time you were tested? All I know is that even going into my future, if someone loses their temper with me, how will I react? This is a lesson for all of us, as we go through our daily lives encountering different situations.

I received a second letter from the person who had originally requested the help. This letter started off with a smiley face drawn on it and it said "Thank you very much for helping my friend. My friend tells me all the time about all the good food that The Time is Now brought. My friend tells me about the new things they have, and they no longer have to sleep on the floor. My friend tells me that they have learned to do many other things. My friend tells me there are new people who visit and make

the days very happy. My mom and I no longer have to worry and cry about my friend. Thank you for helping. I knew The Time is Now could do it. God bless.”

I want to thank everyone for sharing another situation where we reached out and helped someone in need, where we answered the call, and I want to thank everyone for understanding that we need to be there to help and Care & Share.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

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