

Dear W.C.,

My neighbor is a disabled man who is going through some hard times. He was able to work until recently when his Prostate cancer he has been battling for several years spread. He does not usually share much with me as he keeps to himself most of the time. Yesterday I heard him attempting to start his car and it would not start. I found him crying when I walked up to offer him some help. That really got me as I've only seen this man being positive, even with all he's going through and what I've seen him go through in the past. When I tried to comfort him, he broke down and he seemed like he really needed someone to talk to. From what he shared with me the car not starting was truly his last straw. I don't have any way of helping financially but I am an experienced mechanic, so I looked at his car. Unfortunately, it needs a few repairs that he will not be able to afford even if I did all the work for free. He also admitted things have been tight financially since he had to give up his job and pay some medical bills. Then he shared that the doctors had told him he was terminal. He has about a year to live, and I just did not know what to say that would help. I just listened because I knew he needed to tell someone. I suggested he write you a letter, but he seemed hesitant. When I told him The Time is Now to Help had helped people at my church in the past when they were going through a rough patch, he asked if I would write a letter for him. It was the least I could do to help this man out. You can contact me anytime and I will vouch for this good man and good neighbor. Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Readers,

I called the caring neighbor and confirmed some of the details shared in his letter. We focused our conversation on the man next door and how we could improve his life.

I called the disabled man next and explained to him who I was. He recalled his neighbor having promised to write a letter on his behalf but never thought he would follow through with his promise. The disabled man began to cry saying, "He is a good man my neighbor. One of the few I can count on." I assured him he would soon have a few more good people in his life that he could count on.

We spent some time talking about his life and what had led to this point. He shared that his wife passed away five years ago after her own cancer battle. He had cared for her until the end. He told me about their only son and his struggle to stay sober. He hadn't seen his son since his wife's funeral and the son had not helped at all with her care. Then we got to the difficult conversation about his terminal diagnosis. The man knew what he had ahead of him after helping his own wife through it. When I asked if he would mind a volunteer stopping by to help every now and then, the man was hesitant. He had experienced a lot of people in his life who had not been trustworthy or had a good heart. I assured him this would not be the case with any of our volunteers. He finally agreed to one volunteer after I shared with him about their own similar difficulties in life. That seemed to resonate with him.

When we were wrapping up our conversation and evaluation I found he would need help with his car repair to ensure his safe transportation to medical appointments, utility

assistance, and gift cards for food, toiletries and household necessities. This brought a fresh wave of tears from the man as he had not experienced a helping hand up any time before in his life.

We are grateful we can be there with a helping hand up at all stages of life thanks to you. Thank you and God Bless you for making this and all our poverty relief efforts possible.

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