

Sermon Notes Page
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½ Truths – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
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Psalm 121:1-6

1. Week 1 – Everything Happens For A Reason – Deuteronomy 30:11-20
2. Week 2 – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves (GHTWHT)
3. Is this really true? Yes No
4. The Parable of the Lost Son – Luke 15:11-32
 - a. Younger Brother – leaves, has lots of fun, comes back.
 - b. Older Son – Stays and helps dad run the farm.
 - c. Which son are you? Older Younger
5. God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
 - a. 82% of people believe this is in the Bible.
 - b. Benjamin Franklin – Poor Richard’s Almanac – 1736.
 - c. Is it true?
 - i. Yes – we pray then we work – Ora Et Labora.
 1. We give thanks for the ability to work.
 2. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 – get back to work.
 - ii. No – God does take care of those who can’t help themselves.
 1. Leviticus 23:22.
 2. Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5 – 7.
 3. Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:20-26.
 4. It’s hard for the rich to get to heaven: Matthew 19:23-24, Mark 10:23-25, 12:41-44, Luke 1:53, 6:24, 12:21, 18:41, 21:1-3).
 5. Parable of the Sheep and Goats – Matthew 25:31-46.
 6. Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37.
 7. Religion that is pure and faultless – James 1:27.
 8. We will always have the poor with us – Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, John 12:8.
 - iii. No – God takes care of us when we can’t help ourselves.
 1. Psalm 121:1-2
 2. When have there been times when you couldn’t help yourself?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 3. Jesus asked – what do you want me to do for you? Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43.
 - d. Grace – God’s unmitigated, unearned favor.