

Dan's Devotion: Pass on the Blessing

You never know how your actions will impact people for Jesus. I want to share a true story illustrating this.

There is a student who had graduated from Grinnell College. We'll call him Bill. He didn't get into graduate school like he had hoped and didn't have a job and his life was a little bit in limbo. A family here in Grinnell took him into their home to live and said he could live with them until he figured out what direction God was leading him. They explained that God had blessed them in so many ways and they would be glad to pass on those blessings to him.

Fast forward a few months. Bill found a job working nights at a factory. He had an old vehicle that still ran but wasn't very reliable. He bought another used car that was a little more reliable, but he still had the first vehicle. A co-worker's car broke down and he didn't have any money for another vehicle. We'll call him Jim. Bill decided to give Jim his old vehicle using the same philosophy that he had encountered with the family that took him in explaining to Jim, "God has blessed me with another car so you can just have this car." The very next day, Jim's wife went into premature labor and he used his new vehicle to rush his wife to the hospital.

Here is the cool part. Jim considers himself an atheist, but all of the events that have been falling into place in his life have made him start to wonder if there really is a God? This has started to open up conversations about God between Jim and Bill. Who knows, maybe this series of events will end with Jim becoming a follower of Christ, which would then start a whole new series of events.

Paul wrote this in Acts 20:35, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words that Lord Jesus himself said: **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** The point of sharing this story is to remind you that your actions do make an impact, sometimes that you might not even be aware of. Let's all keep our eyes open and look for ways to bless other people in the name of Jesus. Who knows what series of events that might start?

Because of Jesus,

Dan