

Though he didn't normally carry money with him, Patrick sensed God was leading him to tuck a five-dollar bill in his pocket before leaving home. During the lunch hour at the school where he worked, he understood how God had prepared him to meet an urgent need. In the midst of the lunchroom buzz, he heard these words: "Scotty [a child in need] needs \$5 to put on his account so he can eat lunch for the rest of the week." Imagine the emotions Patrick experienced as he gave his money to help Scotty!

In Titus, Paul reminded believers in Jesus that they weren't saved "because of righteous things [they] had done" (3:5), but they should "be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good" (v. 8; see v. 14). Life can be full, extremely busy, and hectic. Attending to our own well-being can be overwhelming. Yet, as believers in Jesus, we're to be "good-works ready." Rather than being overwhelmed by what we don't have and can't do, let's think about what we *do have* and *can do* as God helps us. In doing so, we get to help others at the point of their needs, and God is honored. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"