

Daily Devotion For September 23, 2021

“Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7

Last night around 10:30 PM, the quietness of the evening was disturbed by a loud, crash and shriek. I went outside to see what was happening and I saw a Mercedes parked across the street. As I approached the car, I noticed the smoke rising from the engine, the front end bashed in, the air bags deployed, and the air was heavy with the smell of smoke. As I looked closer, my first thought was, “is anyone hurt? To my surprise, I didn’t see anyone in the car.

Soon, a young lady on her cell phone and her mother who live a ½ block away came up to the car and told me that her parked truck had been hit. The woman then said she saw the individual that had hit her was running up the hill. I asked that woman if she and her mother were okay. Within the next few minutes, 3 police cars, a firetruck, and ambulance and a fireman in an SUV arrived. As the stillness of the night turned to the swirl of flashing red lights and sirens, it seemed like the whole neighborhood was out on the street.

We could have had a block party as the neighbors, several in their robes and slippers were trying to figure out what happened and where was the driver? What seemed like a long time but probably less than 10 minutes later, the driver came back and spoke with the police officers.

Even as I write this, some neighbors are discussing with the woman and mother what happened. I imagine I’ll find out what later what took place. What I appreciate about last night was that the neighbors came out to express concern for a neighbor and to help and support them.

Thought For Today: In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus told the story of an unlikely neighbor (The Good Samaritan) who reached out to demonstrate mercy to a Jew who was beaten, robbed and in need of help. The Good Samaritan demonstrated mercy to the one in need. How likely are you to demonstrate mercy to your neighbor? Remember, the point of the story is NOT, who is my neighbor, but rather, to whom can I be a neighbor to?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that God will grant you eyes to see the needs of those around you and that help you realize whom you can be a neighbor to. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.