

“ If not for the grace of God, there go I.....”

During times of trials and tribulations, there arises many forms of challenges. Formidable as these times and challenges are, it is within these trials, that we as a people, as human beings find within our hearts, our spirits and our communities, the humanity and the will to assist others and to give care to those less fortunate.

We are living in time of uncertainty. When there was a time when the adage was, “you can plan for success, but don’t plan on it”, this meant, that the human potential to aspire to a better way of life and of living was achievable and do-able, which also alludes to the possible and to the hopeful.

In these present times of high unemployment, housing displacement and disenfranchisement of the family structure, the weak, the mentally and physically ill and or challenged are very vulnerable to the prevailing tides that exist.

This raises the profound question of our human existence and the meaning of our lives, which also speaks to our quality of life and living, and also, to our shared common interest, our human condition.

Resources, both human and material are in constant need, structures that can assist are systems overtaxed. The resources and structures that exist are only empowered by those who care and by the charitable and the fortunate, these people who provide the much needed aid to fulfill their mission to assist the less fortunate and un-empowered, are the life line to many.

This gives credence to the saying, “we are our brother’s keeper.”

For some, homelessness is not a choice, but a circumstance.

For some, homelessness is a daily challenge in survival.

For some, homelessness is complete abandonment of their hopes, dreams and aspirations.

For some, homelessness is the last resort.

The social, economic and political problems that we all are faced with, does not only affect all of us daily, for some, homelessness has become a way of life.

The adage that seems to apply to all of us today is, “all it takes is one serious illness or one serious tragedy or catastrophe to happen to us, to be put out on the street.”

It is through our own human experience and spirituality that we as a people can rise to the challenge, to address our humanity, our human condition and examine life’s meaning to our existence.

To care, is to give hope, it is also humane. Afterall,

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