

Opening a Heart

When Jim was diagnosed with cancer, his company heartlessly dumped him. In battling the disease, he used up all of his insurance fund and his life savings.

A church deacon went to visit him and asked, "Have you prepared for your life after death?"

Jim became irate, and swearing at the man, he said, "All you Christians think about is what's going to happen after I die. If your God is so great, why doesn't He do something about the real problems of life?"

He bitterly complained that he was leaving his wife penniless and his daughter without money for college. Then he ordered the man to leave his house.

The deacon thought about what Jim had said, and soon returned.

"I offended you, and I'm sorry," he said. "I've been working on your problems. A realtor I know has agreed to sell your house and give your wife his commission. Some of us will make your house payments until the house is sold. The earnings from your house should pay for your daughter's college. Also, the owner of an apartment building up the street has offered to give your wife a unit, with free utilities, plus a monthly salary in exchange for managing the complex."

Jim cried like a baby.

He could finally *hear* the gospel message with an open heart.

The axiom is true: People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

– Beecher Hunter