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Local Church Budget

John and Nellie had lost their jobs because of downsizing. They were living on unemployment. However, as they were applying for new jobs, they had an idea.

“Let’s volunteer for the church community service program,” John suggested.

Nellie agreed. “We can use this gift of spare time while we’re job hunting to serve others.”

Their own difficulties seemed few when they opened their eyes to the needs of the community. They saw parents struggling to feed their children, to pay for their rent, and to get proper clothing for their kids. They understood, because they too were in a similar situation. They learned compassion.

As the days turned into weeks, their hearts changed. When the Lord opened doors of opportunities and both went back to work, they saw with different eyes. When the time came for offerings, they gave to their community service program. Not only that, but when there were holidays, rather than taking all the time off for themselves, they continued to volunteer to serve others.

We might not always have monetary resources to give to a ministry, but we can give our time, hands, and feet. We can touch the lives of others for God’s glory. This places these scripture verses in a new light. “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:20, 21