

## Do We Really Care?

**Text:** Psalm 142:4

**Intro:**

- The Psalmist had come to the point that he wondered if anyone really cared about him?
- If you were living in the days of King David, would you have been one of those

of which he spoke in Psalm 142:4?

- We are living in a generation of "hurting people."
- They want to know that someone cares about their lives and their eternal destiny.
- To care means "to have thought or regard toward another" or "to feel concern about."
- Have you ever found yourself in the shoes of the psalmist?
- Perhaps there have been those times that you wondered if anyone cares about you.
- How can we show people we really care about them?

**I. By Our Words-**

- If you truly care about God's people you should tell them so.
- How long has it been since you told someone that you loved them in and through the Lord?
- It is not for us to assume that others know we love and appreciate them.

- It is our responsibility to verbally let them know we care.

## II. By Our Works-

- It is one thing to tell someone that we love him or her, and then turn around and speak differently in our actions.
- How do we show we care for others in our lives?
- **First**, give attention.
  - You pay attention to those you love.
- **Secondly**, give protection.
  - If you really love someone, you want to protect them, even if you must reprove or correct at times.
- **Thirdly**, give preference.
  - If you love someone deeply, their preferences will be more important than your own.

## III. By Our Willingness-

- Because there are so few who are willing to let others know they care about them, we should be "willing" to be a help and blessing to others.
- **First**, be willing to share someone's load.
- **Secondly**, be willing to speak to God about them.
- **Lastly**, be willing to speak to them about God.
- How can we say we really care about someone if we are not willing to speak to them about God?
- Let's let others know we care about them and point them toward the Lord Jesus Christ.