

T H E P O W E R O F
AVAILABILITY

Maintaining Influence through Changing Seasons



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I MADE A PROMISE TO

ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE

FOR THE CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

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EVERY SITUATION IS UNIQUE

THE POWER OF
AVAILABILTY 

BENEFITS

of always being available:

- Consistency breeds _____.
- It develops you as a _____ person.

THE POWER OF
AVAILABILITY 

BENEFITS

of always being available:

- Consistency breeds CREDIBILITY.
- It develops you as a _____ person.

BENEFITS **of always being available:**

- Consistency breeds CREDIBILITY.
- It develops you as a WELL-ROUNDED person.

DANGERS

of always being available:

- There is never _____ of you.
- You don't always have the _____ answer.

DANGERS

of always being available:

- There is never ENOUGH of you.
- You don't always have the _____ answer.

DANGERS

of always being available:

- There is never ENOUGH of you.
- You don't always have the RIGHT answer.

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ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE



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TO DO THE RIGHT THING





**THE
RIGHT THING
ASSESSMENT**

**THE POWER OF
AVAILABILITY** 

**THE
RIGHT THING
ASSESSMENT**

**CONSIDER YOUR
CHARACTER**

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**Reflecting on how the situation
aligns with your core beliefs:**

*Guard your heart above all else, for it
determines the course of your life.
(Proverbs 4:23)*

CONSIDER YOUR **CHARACTER**

Values: The deeply held beliefs about what is essential or desirable in life

Traits: The distinctive characteristics or attributes of a your personality.

Morals: The societal norms about right and wrong that you're passionate about.

**CONSIDER YOUR
CHARACTER**

**WHO YOU ARE
DETERMINES
HOW YOU HELP.**

**THE
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**CONSIDER YOUR
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**EXAMINE YOUR
MOTIVES**

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**Analyzing why you want
to take action**

*People may be pure in their own eyes,
but the Lord examines their motives.
(Proverbs 16:2)*



**EXAMINE YOUR
MOTIVES**

**WITHOUT PROPER
MOTIVES, YOU WON'T
CULTIVATE WILLINGNESS**

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**CONSIDER YOUR
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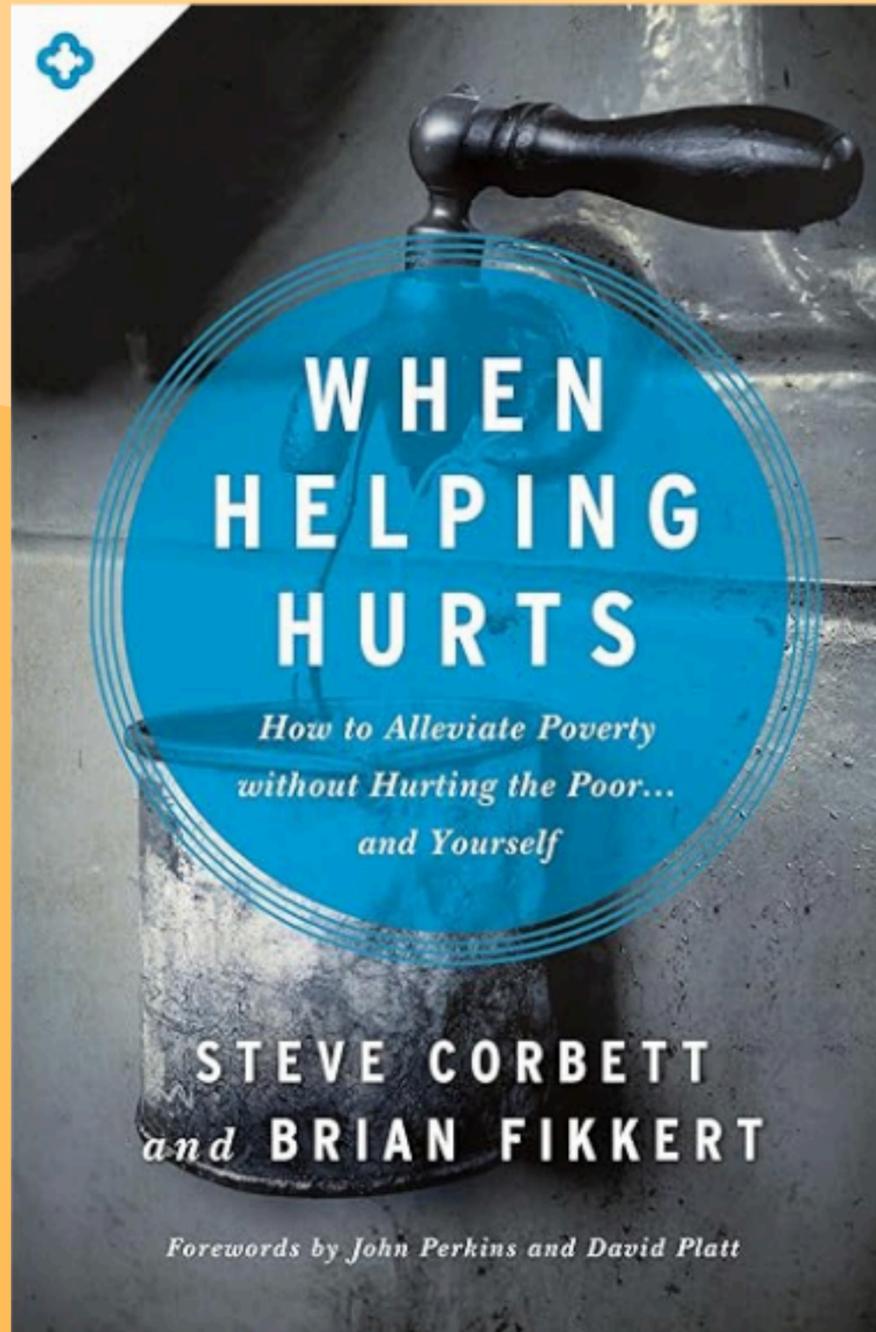
**EXAMINE YOUR
MOTIVES**

**COUNT THE
IMPACT**

COUNT THE IMPACT

Determining the effects of your efforts

*But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?
(Luke 14:28)*



THE
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**COUNT THE
IMPACT**

**ALL HELP ISN'T
CREATED EQUAL**

**THE
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**CONSIDER YOUR
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**COUNT THE
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**MAINTAIN PROPER
BOUNDARIES**

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Helping from a healthy place

*...people came to hear him and to be
healed ... But Jesus often withdrew
to lonely places and prayed.
(Luke 5:15)*

**MAINTAIN PROPER
BOUNDARIES**

**GIVE FROM A PLACE
OF FULLNESS, NOT
DEPLETION**

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EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES

COUNT THE IMPACT

MAINTAIN PROPER BOUNDARIES



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**THE POWER OF
AVAILABILITY** 

THE GOAL IS TO

IDENTIFY THE DIPS

**THE
RIGHT THING
ASSESSMENT**



SCORECARD

**Think about a situation
you are facing:**



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**Think about a situation
you are facing:**

DRUG ADDICTED FAMILY MEMBER

**CONSIDER YOUR
CHARACTER**

SCORECARD

How confident am I that:

...I can still be true to myself and not compromise my integrity?

...there aren't potential blind spots that could catch me off-guard?

...I would still help even if someone I respected knew what I was doing?

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CONFIDENCE SCORE =

**CONSIDER YOUR
CHARACTER**

SCORECARD

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CONFIDENCE SCORE =

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**EXAMINE YOUR
MOTIVES**

SCORECARD

How confident am I that:

...my primary motivations are clear in this situation?

...I am not influenced by desires like personal gain, recognition, or approval?

...that my emotions aren't driving my motives?

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CONFIDENCE SCORE =

**COUNT THE
IMPACT**

SCORECARD

How confident am I that:

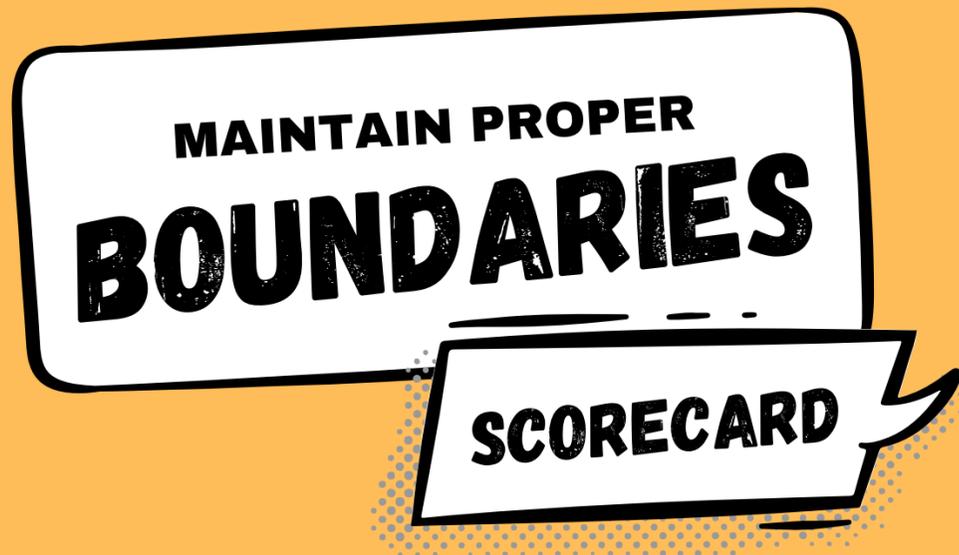
...my help won't cause tension or
resentment among those involved?

...the potential positives outweigh the
negative outcomes if I act?

...I'm prepared to take responsibility for the
consequences?

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CONFIDENCE SCORE =



How confident am I that:

...I can help while maintaining my well-being?

...I will not have to cross lines that make me uncomfortable?

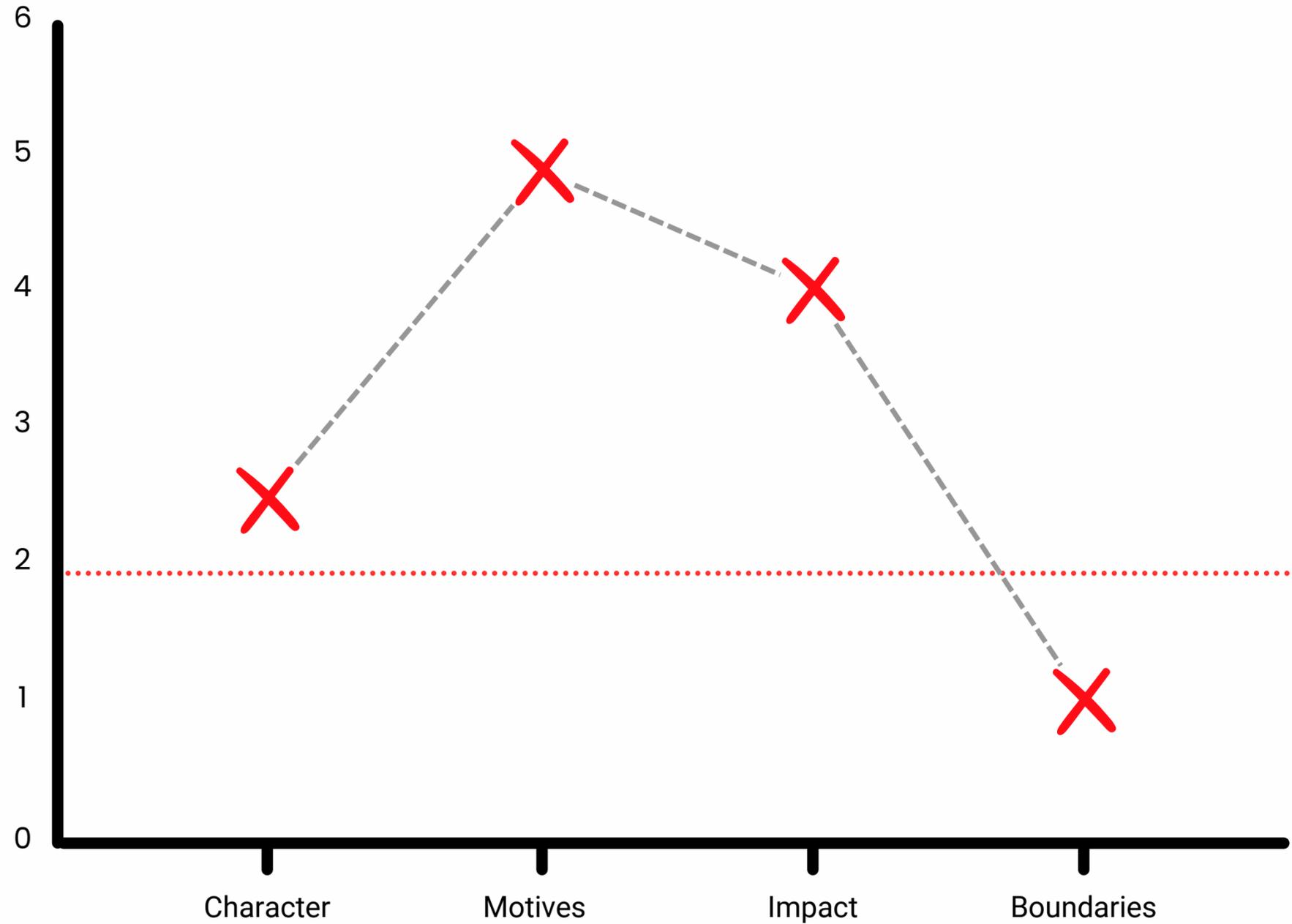
...I can separate my responsibility from the outcome of this decision?

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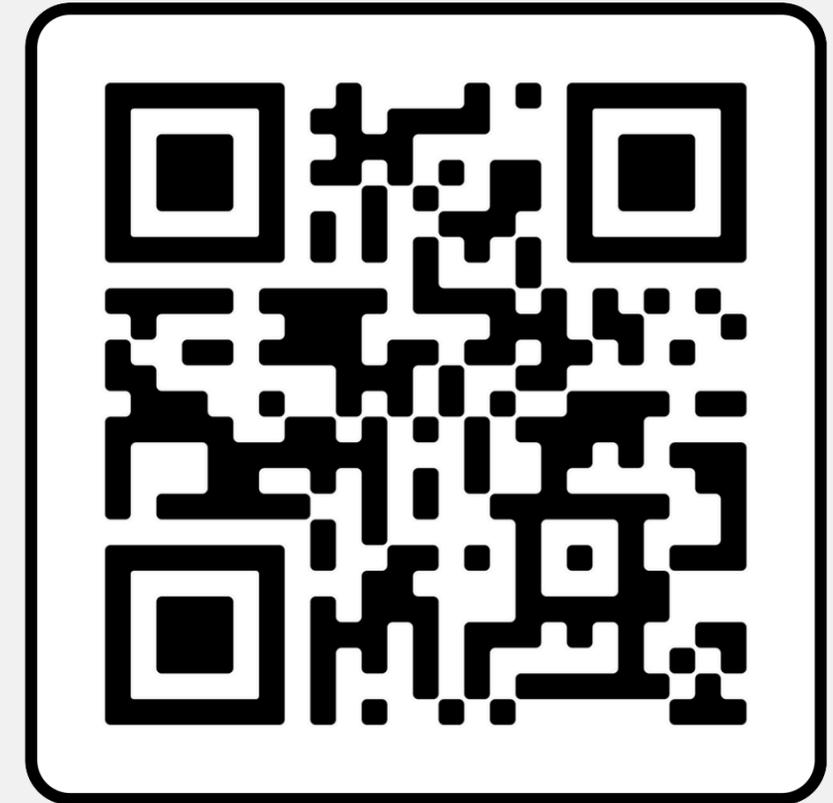
Confidence Level



Decision Making Areas

NEXT STEPS

CLARIFY THE WHY



Recommended Reading:

Character: *The Road Back to You* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile

Motives: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero

Impact: *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett

Boundaries: *Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No...* by Henry Cloud