

*'A debt is never too old for an honest person to pay.'*

In the fall time of year, we celebrate Covered Bridge Days where thousands of people come and shop for nine days. I enjoy going because I admire the hundreds of people setting up their small businesses and selling their product. In some cases risking it all to live out the American dream of owning your own business. However, there are some dishonest people out there too. One day, I noticed a woman looking at some jewelry. She put a necklace in her pocket and walked away without paying. What would you do? Tell the owner? Confront the person? Or do nothing since it is none of your concern?!

Many Christians are faced with decisions similar to this one each day. Zacchaeus, the tree climbing tax collector, met Jesus and was a changed man. In those days, tax collectors frequently over charged citizens and then pocketed the extra funds. After meeting Jesus, he was eager to give back half of what he owned to the poor. Showing a significant change of heart. He was once a taker, now he was a giver.

The story of Zacchaeus' example can inspire us to do the same. When God reminds us about items we have taken or ways we wronged others, we can honor God by making things right. May we ask God for the courage to be honest and true in all that we say and do. Because, a debt is never too old for an honest person to pay!!

*together through prayer and service,*

*Deacon Mike*