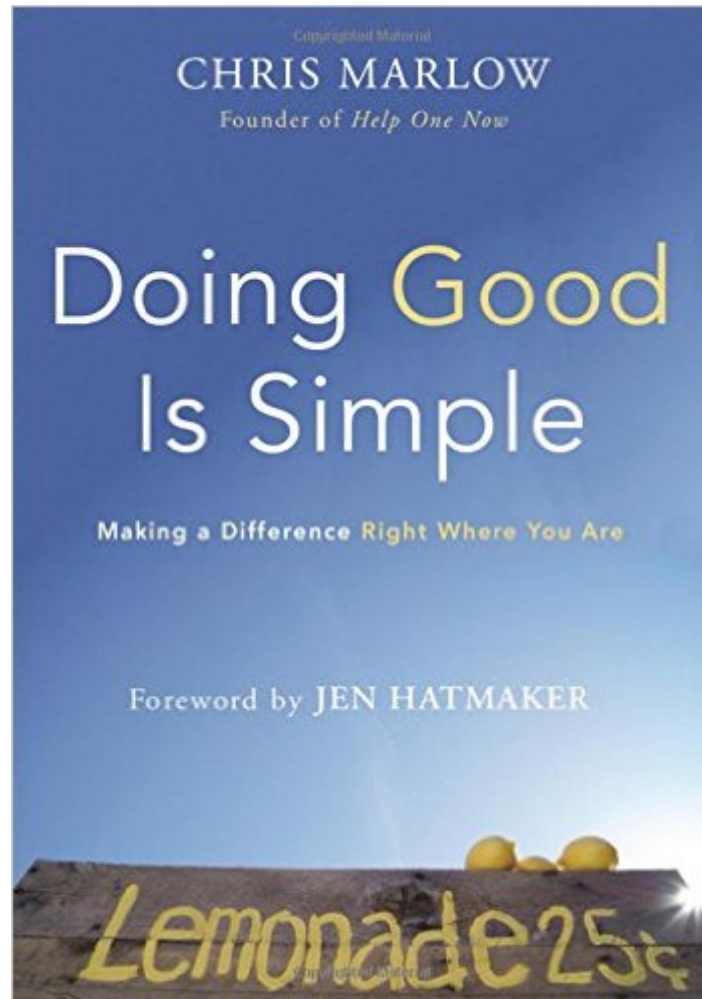


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# Doing Good Is Simple: Making A Difference Right Where You Are



## Synopsis

What if you could become a powerful force for good in the world without moving overseas, burdening your overwhelmed family, or giving up the comforts of modern life? **Doing Good is Simple** by Chris Marlow, founder of the global advocacy organization Help One Now, once felt paralyzed in the face of global problems. They seemed too numerous, too complicated, too big—and after all, how much can one person really do? But a wake-up call in Zimbabwe and a closer study of Scripture soon showed Chris that maybe Christians are overcomplicating how to do act justly in a broken world. Maybe all God is calling us to do is set up a lemonade stand for a good cause. **Doing Good is Simple** is your practical guide to world change wherever you are. Through Chris's own journey of an ordinary person seeking God's good in the world, this book will:

- Empower you to make a difference where you are
- Redefine good according to God's metrics of small, simple things with great love
- Bring global concepts down to earth for you to find your place in the area where God is calling you
- Disband the top myths we tell ourselves when it comes to world change and why we aren't enough
- Free you from your first world guilt complex that drags you down
- Provide practical, accessible guidelines for getting started today

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**DOING GOOD IS SIMPLE** is a simple, yet powerful book. The author's life was radically transformed whilst on a visit to Zimbabwe. He spend a few minutes in a gas station, and his life was never the same: "A few minutes at a gas station and a single day with thirty orphans changed my life. It was as if God had pried me out of my comfortable Western Christian context, dropped me in

the middle of hell, slapped me in the face, and shouted, "Wake up! I need you to care for these little ones because I do." The theme of this book is that Christians can love others in simple ways, using your God-given talents: "Doing good is not as difficult as you assumed. It's not as complicated as you thought or as taxing as you supposed. It won't require moving to Africa or giving up all your modern comforts or burdening your already overwhelmed family. But it will require you to get creative, have a little fun, and shift some of your thinking." Christians can easily be overwhelmed, as the author was, when facing horrific circumstances around the world. The author mentions 3 hurdles that might hinder efforts: Hurdle #1: "The Issues Are Too Numerous" Hurdle #2: "The Problems Are Too Big" Hurdle #3: "The Solutions Are Too Complicated" These hurdles can become real obstacles, but no one is called to fix everything. "You can't; that is not your problem or role. Take a moment, breathe, and allow that truth to bring peace to your weary soul." The Bible calls all Christians to make a difference--not just the super powerful. God uses "ordinary people to do his extraordinary work... You can take small, powerful steps to move toward a life filled with compassion, a life in which God uses your gifts to bring hope to the hurting.

This book has helped me a lot as I look around and see so much pain and suffering and feel quite hopeless to do much about any of it. Mr. Marlow says: "God is leading, we are following, and we have to learn how to rely on him. If we fail to do this, good people who care about others deeply but try to serve out of their own strength will get frustrated and walk away when they realize that they do not possess the power to make the changes they want to see. Only God does!" Chris goes on to say: "This subtle but vital truth will empower us to know that we are good enough, we are gifted, we share the burden with Christ, and yet we don't have to carry the impossible weight of fixing all the world's problems. This means we are free to serve, love, fight for good, and yet we can rest our souls because God is in full control." The book tells the author's journey to starting his nonprofit, the struggles he had with seeing such poverty and feeling so insignificant. And, yet, he also talks about we can make a difference for people in simple ways and that it really does make a difference. He tells stories of people he's met and how he was visiting in a village where his organization had started to help. He was meeting with one of the leaders there. They were sitting around eating, and the guy told him, "There are children who don't have to sleep on the dirt floor because of your gifts. They got mattresses to sleep on. They can go to school." He talked about having to go to the bathroom to cry, because he thought of all the other children who would be sleeping on the floor in the dirt. He warns people that when you get involved in doing good that you have to learn to be like a marathoner: "Over the years I've learned a

lesson: overwhelmed people quit!...

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