



## DO MY ACTIONS REALLY AFFECT PEOPLE'S LIVES?



### #309 WHAT IS CHARITY?

Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

After being ordained a priest in 1600, St. Vincent was captured and enslaved by Turkish pirates. He converted his owner to Christianity and escaped back to Rome where he became a chaplain for the royal court. He began preaching to peasants on the estate in 1625 and founded a society of missionary priests called the Vincentians. He had a great heart full of compassion, humility, and generosity, and his heart today is still incorrupt. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor, was established in 1833.



### CAMERON PETERS

In 2007, 16 yr old Cameron Peters saw a house on fire and stopped to help. After calling 911, he went into the home without regard for his own safety and successfully saved 8 children from the fire. He was honored in 2007 by the NBA Summer League for heroism.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE THE LOAVES, AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES, WHO IN TURN GAVE THEM TO THE CROWDS. THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED, AND THEY PICKED UP THE FRAGMENTS LEFT OVER-TWELVE WICKER BASKETS FULL. -MATTHEW 14: 13-21

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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