Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 

Philippians 3: 12-14 (NIJV)

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~A note from the Executive Director~

The Parable of the Good Pharmacist

Now a Pharm. D, board certified, PGY2 residency trained pharmacist arose from his cubicle to question the traveling evangelist, saying, “Preacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” The preacher replied, “What does the law say? What is written in the law?” The medication expert answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your patient as yourself.” The evangelist smiled at the intriguing answer and replied, “You are correct; do this and you will live.” The medication expert, desiring to justify himself, said to the evangelist, “Who is my patient?” The evangelist replied, “A young woman who is the mother of twins, is six months pregnant, and the wife of an unemployed drug addict stuggers to the pharmacy with a new prescription. She tossed the prescription on the counter and waited. The pharmacist peering through his bifocals while talking on the phone quickly waived her away. The woman, wrenching in pain, grabbed her prescription and stumbled out of the pharmacy. The pharmacist at the second pharmacy turned her away and demanded that she not return to her pharmacy. The woman, in tears and unable to muster the courage to enter the third pharmacy, sat outside slumped over in the heat. When the evening pharmacist was about to enter the pharmacy for his shift, he saw her and felt compassion for her. He helped her inside the pharmacy and provided her with a cold bottle of water to drink and food to eat. After filling her prescription, he counseled her, paid for her prescription, water, and food. When he learned that she did not have transportation, he arranged an Uber to take her home.

He also arranged the women’s ministry department at his church to follow-up with her as soon as possible. Which of these three pharmacists do you think was the good pharmacist to the patient?” The medication expert replied, “The pharmacist who showed mercy to her.” The evangelist said to him, “Go and do the same” (based upon Luke 10:25-37).

Rather than the medication expert attempting to justify his righteousness by his deeds, he needed to turn to Jesus for his justification. Everyone seeking our care in any way is our patient. In this parable, the mother, the twins, the unborn child, and the husband were all patients. How the pharmacist treated or mistreated the young woman affected the entire family. We do not have the opportunity to select who we love and who we do not love. It is humanly impossible to always love everyone all the time. If we do not love everyone always, then we are guilty of breaking the law. If we break the law just once, our righteousness is unacceptable. Our righteousness, to be acceptable to God, must be found in Jesus. Since God loves us, we are to love all others by demonstrating mercy and compassion.

Jeffrey T. Copeland, President

CPFI considers it a great joy to be able to provide opportunites to pharmacists to enjoy times of fellowship, professional development and to be a spiritual blessing to those who know and those who need to know our Savior. Your membership dues provide for only 30% of our budget. We need the financial gifts of our members to carry out the mission God has set before us. If you have not been giving to CPFI beyond your membership I would like to challenge you to begin today.

Ron Herman, Executive Dir.

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- **Topic:** ‘Priorities’
- **Ticket Required:** $25.

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