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### **Reflection # 6**

One way we can integrate Christianity and social work is by providing a helping hand to those in need. Social Work is all about serving others. The primary goal in the Social Work Field is to help people in need and address social problems. As a Christian, we are commanded to love our neighbors. The bible has numerous verses that state the importance of helping others. For example, in *James 2:14-17* it says “ **What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** Similar to Christianity, being a Social Worker demands action. We can not call ourselves a social worker if we are helping anyone or are not providing a service to. Another way we can integrate Christianity and Social Work is by being compassionate, patient, respectful, and kind. Lastly, in the social Work profession it is required for us to conduct ourselves as honest and trustworthy individuals. This is where being a christian can be beneficial to a Social Worker. God wants everyone that serves him to conduct themselves trustworthy even when it comes to your Profession. He tells us in Colossians 3:23 that “**whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as doing it for him and not for men**”. It is not difficult to integrate Christianity and social work. However, it’s important to understand that we as Chritians/Social Workers, should not push our beliefs towards others or try to convert them to our religion.