Ok, I admit that I love a good action movie. The Bourne movies are captivating to me and the action keeps me engaged. But, poor Jason Bourne, an asset to our country, turns into a liability when he no longer follows their set program. He no longer plays on the team. He is no longer a great asset and as a liability he becomes even more dangerous.

As I drove to the office this morning, I heard a radio ad that made my mind race back to those movies. But, right in the middle of my mind playing over again the scenes of the movies, the thought came to me, "How many people that I once considered an asset, turned, in my mind, to a liability?"

I didn't like this thought. The thought that even made me more uncomfortable was how many times have I turned from an asset in others lives to a liabililty?

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans these words, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established."

Paul, once a liability to God, had become one of the greatest assets in the kingdom of God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. He came to the Romans with a heartfelt message of living life here, torn between wanting to be with Jesus, and wanting to remain here to serve others here on earth.

When Paul spoke, he "imparted" a spiritual gift to those he came in contact with.

I want to be like Paul and impart something to those who are hurting, suffering, grieving, and in pain. When I shake hands with someone, I pray they see the Christ, the hope of glory. I pray they leave better than when arrived. I pray that in the middle of a crisis, just sitting with them will impart the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit that calms their storm.

Each person is the workmanship of Christ. Christ created them to do good works. Each one is valuable to God, highly valued in His sight. God does not
make junk, but creates each of us in His image. It is good to remember this whenever we are facing another human being. They have been created for purpose.

When those you meet with leave you, what have they left with? You will impart something to them, either something good or something bad. You will impart a positive feeling or a negative feeling. They will walk away from you blessed or walk away feeling cursed.

As an ambassador for Christ, we represent the Lord Jesus Christ to this world and those who are lost and saved alike. When they look into your eyes, do they see Jesus there? When they hear your words are they words that edify them, building them up in the Holy faith? Do they leave you feeling as though they have been in the presence of the Master? What did you really impart?

It is possible for Christians to turn from an asset to a liability in the life of the kingdom of God. We are the salt of the earth, but if we lose our flavor, we are useless, no longer an asset. We can become a liability, fully capable of hurting the truth of the gospel, instead of building on its truths.

May God fill us with His precious Holy Spirit so that we may always be an asset to God and an asset to those around us, not a liability.