



Louisville Slugger

Pete Browning was a slugger for the Louisville Eclipse Baseball Club in 1884. Browning broke his favorite bat and went into a slump. An Eclipse fan named Bud Hillerich, an apprentice woodworker, made a bat for Browning at his own expense. Just a good deed. A favor for one of the local players.

But Browning went 3 for 3 with the new bat and refused to use another. He ordered several others from young Hillerich. Over the course of his career Browning had a lifetime batting average of .343 and gave credit to Hillerich, who made over 200 bats for Pete during the next few years and every one of them was named after a Bible character.

What began as a simple act of kindness turned into a multi-million dollar business called Louisville Slugger—the Hillerich and Bradley Baseball Bat Company.

You may never know how helping someone else may actually end up helping you!

This is Stephen Chitty from Christian Life Church. Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.