

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

God loves us

(1 John 4:16 NIV) And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

God made the first move

(Rom 5:8 NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God calls us to love Him

(Mat 22:36-38 NIV) "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

God calls us to love Him

- 1.) *What stirs your affections for God?*
- 2.) *What robs you of your affections for God?*
- 3.) *How are you doing in obedience?*

God calls us to love one another

(Mat 22:39-40 NIV) And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Luke 10:25-37

Three Questions...

1.) Who is my neighbor?

Who are the characters in the story?

1. *Traveler*
2. *Priest*
3. *Levite*
4. *Samaritan*

God has placed us together

(Acts 17:26-27 NIV) From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Three Questions...

- 1.) *Who is my neighbor?*
- 2.) *How do I love my neighbor?*

Do Good

(Luke 10:236-37 NIV) "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Doing good gives glory to God

(Mat 5:16 NIV) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Why do good?

1.) *It reflects God's Character*

He first Loved us

(1 John 4:19 NIV) We love because he first loved us.

Love in Action

(1 John 3:17-18 NIV) If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

God loves a cheerful giver

(2 Cor 9:7 NIV) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Why do good?

- 1.) *It reflects God's Character*
- 2.) *God created us to do good.*

Created to do good works

(Eph 2:10 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Do good and share with others

(Heb 13:16 NIV) And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

As we have opportunity

(Gal 6:10 NIV) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Three Questions...

- 1.) *Who is my neighbor?*
- 2.) *How do I love my neighbor?*
- 3.) *How do I keep from being cheated?*

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- 2.) *How do I love my neighbor?*

The Risk

(Luke 10:35 NIV) The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Judas was a thief

(John 12:6 NIV) He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

God loved us extravagantly

(1 John 4:10-11 NIV) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Conclusion