

Question: How do we know that we are faithfully living out the Great Command to love God AND love other people?

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

- Loving God means that I will _____ (vs. 27-28).

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The 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.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This Scripture tells us:

1. Our nature is to _____ ourselves (vs. 29).
2. Our neighbor is _____ who has a need (vs. 36-37).
3. Love means being a neighbor by _____ (vs. 33-35).

1 John 3:17 (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?

4. The only ability needed is _____ (vs. 36-37).

Question: How do we know we are living the Great Command?

Jesus' Answer: Like the Samaritan, "Go and _____."

Application: So how would we do this? What do we need to do?

1. Address your personal issues with the _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV)

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

2. Start with the people who are _____ in your life.
3. Pay special attention to the _____.

Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

4. Join our church's effort to reach & serve our community.