

The Art of
Neighboring

gospel-driven



Love Your Neighbor

What does it look like?

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise.

What makes it so hard?



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Risks

I'm too busy...

What if they don't deserve it?..

We need motivation

“do this and you will live.”

What's the connection between loving your neighbor and eternal life?

How far can duty take you?

Duty isn't life.

Love God

Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.

“such as each one as is his love.” - Augustine

“What do you love? How do you love the things that you love? What do you expect to receive from the things you love? There aren't too many questions more important than these. Why? ...We reap what we love...”

- David Naugle

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“I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.” (Ec 1:14)

Ultimate loves that are good but not God...

are empty.

Love God

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” (Ge 15:1)

“Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Ps 37:4)

“In your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever.” (Ps 16:11)

*“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”
(Ps 73:25-26)*

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Loving your neighbor may cost you wealth, wisdom, honor, pleasure, etc. *When these are ultimate things then loving your neighbor empties your heart.*

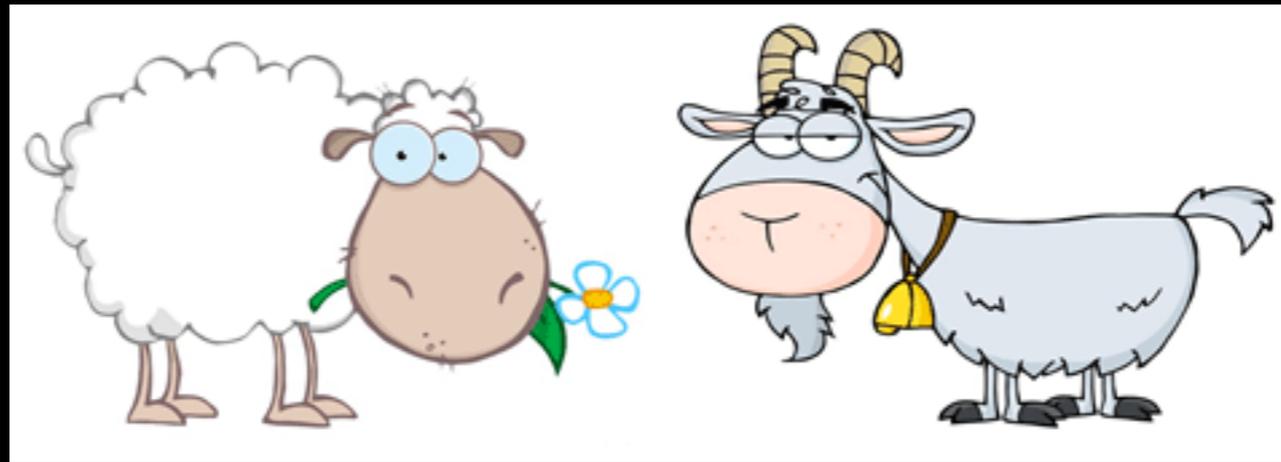
When Love of God is your ultimate thing, loving your neighbor draws you into a deeper experience of the fullness of the love of God.

Who is my neighbor?

Jesus turns the question around.

“Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

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Loving your neighbor is the fruit of a changed heart.

**What will you do *this*
week to love your
neighbor?**