



TWCC Teaching Handout – “Loving Our Neighbor”

Wednesday, March 4th, 2020

LOVE: THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD: [Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13 \(NKJV\)](#)

4 Aspects of God's Love to Employ & Exercise

•**ATOMOSPHERE** of Love

- *The atmosphere in which we are to do and live life and ministry with others.*
- *The atomosphere that changes everything!*

•**ATTITUDE** of Love

- ***Patience and Kindness** provides and equips us to with what we need to walk through tense, turbulent and troubling times we will encounter in life, ministry and leadership.*

•**ACTIVITY** of Love

- What Love does and does not do.
- The proper Love response.

•**APPLICATIONS** of Love

INGREDIENTS of the Love of God

- (1) Patience
- (2) Kindness
- (3) Generosity
- (4) Humility
- (5) Courtesy (Courteous)
- (6) Unselfishness
- (7) Good Temper
- (8) Guilelessness
- (9) Sincerity

Our Love IMPERATIVES

- 1st - Make Loving with God's Love your **CHOICE**.
- 2nd - Determining to yielded to showing **COMPASSION** and mercy.
- 3rd - Demonstrating unwavering **COMMITMENT** to meet others needs.
- 4th - Being **CARING** to others.

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR – SOMETHING WE MUST TAKE AND MAKE TIME TO DO

- The Greatest Commandments: [Read Matthew 22:36 – 40 \(NKJV\)](#)
- [Galatians 5:13 – 14 \(NKJV\)](#) – *“¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.”*
- Are you Staying and Walking on the Love Line? This is big key to Walking on the _____ Line.

- The entire law is fulfilled in _____ our neighbor. The way we treat others is a clear reflection of our love and relationship towards God. If our love towards others is cold, then our relationship towards God is cold.
 - Being cold, calloused, critical and condemning to others is NOT a sign of Christian _____ and religious _____. (*Piety* = synonyms – devotion, fidelity, loyalty, allegiance, commitment)
- **A Note about Loving Yourself:** this involves and entails (1st) _____ in the Love of our Lord (2nd) BELIEVING and _____ His great Love towards us (**Read 1 John 4:10 – 12**) and (**Read 1 John 3:23 – 24 (NKJV)**) (3rd) Demonstrating our FAITH and _____ in the Love God (**Read 1 John 3:14 – 16 (NKJV)**). (4th) _____ in the Love God has for us – **Read 1 John 4:16 (NKJV)**. **This does not entail being selfish, self-absorbed or self-centered.**
- **James 2:8 (NKJV)** – “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.” Loving your Neighbor is fulfilling the _____ Law of Love.

HOW WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR?

- As we said in the previous weeks, we are to love: (1) _____; (2) **SACRIFICIALLY** and (3) _____.
- This is clearly illustrated in the Account of the Good Samaritan: **Read Luke 10:25 – 37 (NKJV)**
- **Some background facts:** (1) A Lawyer was a student of the Mosaic Law, also called a Scribe. He did not ask his question sincerely but intended to trap (test) Christ. (2) The religious scholars of the time loved to discuss the urgent social problems of the day without ever wanting to solve them. To this lawyer, **LOVE** was merely a concept of study and not a principle to practice.
- **Lessons to takeaway and learn from this account:**
 - (1st) This parable and account helps bring the big question to our heart and mind - **How do we see our neighbor?** The lawyer had sufficient knowledge of the Word of God to answer Jesus’ question, but he did not know HOW TO _____ its truth. We know about love but do we know how to _____ it appropriately? The question – **Who is my neighbor?** – gave the lawyer away (**Leviticus 19:18**). He demonstrated that his head knowledge had never penetrated his _____.
 - (2nd) This parable, perhaps more than any other that Jesus told, illustrates what it means to love others; a follower of Jesus cannot separate his or her relationship with God from relationships with other _____.
 - (3rd) The priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan all _____ the man. But only one saw him with eyes of _____. **COMPASSION** = a deep moving within the inward spirit; an intense, eager yearning to do good.
 - (4th) **COMPASSION** does not originate in _____ or _____ but in a _____ with God!
