

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Based on the command of Christ #40 – “Love your neighbor”

Matthew 5:43-48

43. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44. But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
45. that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

47. And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

48. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leviticus 19:18 - “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

Mark 12:28-33

28. One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29. "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

30. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

31. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

32. "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

33. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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Exodus 23:4-5 NIV says, "If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him. If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it."

There are four different Greek words for love:

- 1) Storge – family love; love between parent and child
- 2) Eros – physical love; love between a man and woman; passion; sexual love
- 3) Phileo – brotherly love; relationship between closest, nearest, & truest friends
- 4) Agape – unconquerable benevolence, invincible goodwill. This kind of love seeks nothing but another person's highest good.

Luke 10:33 says that a Samaritan "took pity"(NIV) or "felt compassion" (NASB) for a Jewish man that was wounded on the road to Jericho.

Romans 5:8 - "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:10 - "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

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John 15:20 that "No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also".

Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".

Matt 5:45 - "That you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous".

Matt 5:46-47 - "If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

Mt. 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."