

Do You Love Your Neighbor?

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Do you care about your: Friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, church members...etc? Do you: check on them from time to time?; See if they need a ride when their car's broke down?; Do you do anything to let them know that your thinking about them?. God say's to "Love your neighbor" and that this is the second most important rule or law there can be. Do you only check on those who you like?

First, who is your neighbor and how do you show that you love your neighbor? Life and people in it revolve around a give and take society. Where who ever your around you give something to them and they take something from you. Whether, it is an item, words, or feelings we all give and take. Is there someone in your family who is left out or a friend who no one invites? Could it be that your neighbor is just a bum on the street? Your neighbor is someone who: stands near you, lives near you, is a friend to you, may be even a stranger to you, is someone who is close in proximity to you, and or just someone who enters into your life and you have contact with. Everyone is your neighbor: not just the one next to you or your favorite friend. Your neighbor can be the lady in the grocery store who has not enough money, or the employee you severely dislike, your neighbor can be someone that's: lonely, mean, grumpy, and or irritating. Is there someone you ignore, pass by, avoid, or hide from. This is your neighbor. Jesus says "What ever you do to these my little ones you do to me." Here he is talking about children, but we are all his children. So, what we do to each other God will repay. He says "vengeance is mine." So, we need not to take revenge for God will do this for us. The bible also says"

do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” So how do you show that you love your neighbor; you treat them with the same respect and curtesy as you would want to be treated. So are you kind, nice, and loving, as you should be? Do you remember others when they always remember you? Do you give help or patience in return when they or others offer help and patience to you., or are you mean, hateful, unkind, uncaring to those who only try to do good by you, for these are the works of the devil.

Second, the Devil uses many tools like: frustration, accidents, distractions. Frustration is the devils tool to make you mean and uncaring, and he uses accidents to distract you from being kind, slow, and patient. Forgetfulness and avoiding behavior are his ways to make you seem uncaring. So don't let the devil uses these tools against you. With everyone you meet, or come into contact with show that you are a Godly person, show that you love your neighbor.

We all struggle with trying to love our neighbor. We live in a world were everyone is born into sin and the devil is trying to sway us at every turn. So, don't let him win; trust in the Lord and he will guide. The bible says: “Seek and Ye shale find, knock and the door will open, ask and you shale receive.“ So make a stand against the darkness, and seek God for help in everything you do. Say this little pray each day to ask God to help you to love your neighbor...Pray this: Lord, I struggle each day to follow your example and I try so hard not to loose my way when it comes to people that I am to show your love too. So, Lord today take my hands and feet move my lips and my tongue away from evil and my they lead me to bring love to my friend, family, neighbors, and the world

around me. May you guide my heart and my mind to a place today lord where I can say without-a-doubt I do Lord “ I love my neighbor” and help me to be your disciple to bring your love into someone’s life today. Lord, forgive me of my past deeds and lead me down the path of righteousness with every personal contact I have today Lord I pray A-men...