



## “ONE PRAYER: LOVE”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” **Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)**

Love is a simple four letter word with two vowels, two consonants, and one really hard concept to live up to. In Mark 12:31 Jesus said, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” That is a quotation from Lev 19:18. But with a simple creative “*flick*” of his tongue Jesus did something new and special with that commandment.

In its original context that commandment had to do with a Jew’s fellow Jew. That commandment to love would not have included the Gentile, whom it was quite permissible for a Jew to hate. But Jesus quoted that love commandment without qualification, without limitations, and without boundaries on the love. Jesus took an old law and with His life and mission (ministry), redefined it with a new meaning.

Love \_\_\_\_\_

Love \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Neighbor)

No Commandments \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Love \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

**Acts 1:8**, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will **be** my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

### 1. Our God \_\_\_\_\_

To be "blessed" simply means to be on the receiving end of the tangible and intangible favor of God.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ That's God's Part

- **Genesis 12:2-4**
- **Galatians 3:6-9**

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ This is Our Part

You are to be a blessing to the \_\_\_\_\_

You are to be a difference maker for the one true God.

- A difference maker \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psalm 112:1-3*)
- A difference maker \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psalm 29:11*)
- A difference maker \_\_\_\_\_ (*Proverbs 10:22*)
- A difference maker \_\_\_\_\_ (*Joshua 1:7-8*)

## II. Love \_\_\_\_\_

When the gospel of Luke records this episode (Luke 10:25-37), it describes someone then asking Jesus "and who is my neighbor?" Jesus goes on to tell what we call the parable of the Good Samaritan.

### The Samaritan: A Profile & Perspective

#### 1. Who is \_\_\_\_\_

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

We know two things about the Samaritan:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
Clearly the innkeeper was prepared to trust him. He may have been theologically unsound, but he was an honest man.
- \_\_\_\_\_  
A heretic he may have been, but the love of God was in his heart.

Jesus said in **John 13:34-35**, "A new command I give you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. As \_\_\_\_\_, so you  
must \_\_\_\_\_. By this  
all men will know that you are my disciples, if you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_."

When we love others we have a "God-heartedness" about us. We understand and recognize what His will is for our lives, which is to leverage the spiritual, relational, and material blessings He has given to us to bless others for His glory.

A BASIC BLUEPRINT FOR BLESSING	
LEFT BRAIN	RIGHT BRAIN
_____	L _____
_____	O _____
_____	V _____
_____	E _____

*"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."* Acts 4:13

**COMMITMENT:**

- I want God to use “who” I am.*
- I want God to use “what” I am.*
- I want God to use me “where” I am.*



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