The Truth About Loving Others

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INTRODUCTION

- The truth about loving others is love is easy in concept. But practicing it is incredibly difficult.
- It's not God who just drops it down from heaven onto our doorstep like an Amazon prime package, but rather that he has a plan in place in which we love one another.
- If God's plan is in fact to feed the poor, to clothe the naked, and visit those without family. And if I'm not doing that, what does that say about my trust and part in God's plan?

1 Everybody Is My Neighbor

Luke 10:36–37; Galatians 6:10; 1 John 3:16–18

- So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- He saw a need. He filled a need because he had compassion, like Jesus.
- Everybody is my neighbor. Anybody that I can help, I should help. Just like Jesus.
- When somebody comes and asks for help, wherever it may be, we need to stop focusing on controlling their lives and helping fill a need.
- If anyone has this world's goods, sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?
- Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.

2 Love Will Not Be Convenient

Matthew 25:41–46; Luke 6:27–36

- There's nothing in the parable of the good Samaritan that suggests this was a really convenient day for the Samaritan.
- Truly I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.
- If we have to err on the side of giving or not, can we not see what side the scriptures clearly come down on?
- But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.
- Love says there is a need I can fill because I care for their soul. The same way Jesus cares for our souls.

3 Love Goes Above and Beyond

Luke 10:33–35; John 13:3–17

- This was not a one time. He didn't see him bleeding and say, okay, my job as a neighbor is to stop the bleeding, then I can kind of keep going.
- There's an attitude that's different in somebody who loves to this degree and somebody who loves just because we're supposed to.

- Do I have a heart that loves begrudgingly? Or a heart that is cheerful, compassionate and merciful?
- Love is not helping just the easy.
- If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If I'm going to sit back and say, God will provide for those who are in need, then the answer is simple. I need to take my place in following my Christ, following my Lord, and doing his will.**

MY NOTES