

What Does It REALLY Look Like to Love God & Others?



READ: Exodus 23:1-9

"Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

²"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, ³and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

⁴"If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it. ⁵If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.

⁶"Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. ⁷Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

⁸"Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.

⁹"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

Matthew 25:34-36,40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world."

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REFLECT & RESPOND

What is the one event that is mentioned more times than any other in the Old Testament?

For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' (Haggai 2:4-5)

The first four commands pertain to "loving God" and the next six pertain to "loving our neighbor." Is there anything more relevant than glorifying God by keeping the Great Commandment, loving God and neighbor?

*He has shown you,
O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD
require of you?
To act justly and to love
mercy and to walk humbly
with your God.*
(Micah 6:8)



We live out God's call on our life through...

... Worship & Celebration

... Christ like behavior

... Social justice

... Sabbath rest