

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Luke 10:25-37

I. WHAT DOES THE DEMAND, "AS YOURSELF," IN THE DEMAND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR REALLY DEMAND?

Answer: It demands that we love our neighbor with the <u>same commitment</u> we have to our <u>own well-being</u>.

- II. TWO WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF:
 - 1. TREAT THEM THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

Matthew 7:12 NIV "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

2. TREAT THEM THE WAY YOU TREAT YOURSELF.

Ephesians 5:28-29 NIV In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church (which is his body).

III. THIS IS AN **IMPOSSIBLE** DEMAND.

Romans 3: 20 NIV Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law, rather, through the law we become conscious of sin"

IV. NONE OF US CAN KEEP GOD'S DEMANDS, BUT JESUS DID.

John 8:29 NIV "The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."