

# A FAITH THAT LOVES MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF

## A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 9 Principles for Living Through a Pandemic

“Don't fall into self-deception by merely listening to God's Word and thinking you've got it. DO what it says! Be a DOER of the Word!” James 1:22

“Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone.” James 2:14

“This royal law is found in the Scriptures: Love your neighbor as you love yourself! If you obey this law, you are doing right!” James 2:8

### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT OF JESUS

“A man asked Jesus, ‘Of all the commandments of God, which is the most important?’ ‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: 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 commandment is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these!” Mark 12:28-31

“Let us not love with words, but with actions!” 1 John 3:18

### HOW CAN I LOVE MY NEIGHBORS DURING A PANDEMIC?

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUALLY

“To have friends, a man must show himself friendly.” Proverbs 18:24 (KJV)

“Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people.” Romans 12:16 (CEV)

“Each of you will invite your neighbor to come enjoy peace and security, in the shade of your vineyards and trees.” Zechariah 3:10 (TEV)

“The neighbors went out of their way to be friendly to us. It was cold and raining so they built a fire and made us all feel welcome.” Acts 28:2

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUALLY

“Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.” Proverbs 12:25 (NLT)

“Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of Scriptures we might have HOPE.” Romans 15:4 (NIV)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ CHEERFULLY

“Each of you has been blessed by God with many wonderful gifts to be used to serve those around you. So use your gifts well in serving others.” 1 Peter 4:10

“Serve the Lord cheerfully.” Psalm 100:2

“If we have what we need, and we see other people in need, but we turn a cold shoulder and do nothing about it, then the love of God is not in us!” 1 John 3:17

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKLY

“Then the Master said, ‘I want you to go out to everywhere people are -- to the highways and to the hedges -- and URGE anyone you can find to come into my house, so that my house will be full!’” Luke 14:23

#### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONALLY

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15-16

“For Christ's love compels us...” 2 Corinthians 5:14

“I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your heart, living within you as you trust Him. May your roots go deep into the soil of God's marvelous love, and may you be able to feel and understand...how long, wide, deep, and high His love really is, and experience this love for yourselves...” Ephesians 3:17-18 (LB)