



Why Should I Love My Neighbor?

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Mark 12:28-34

THE PROBLEM WE ALL HAVE

Is there a _____ outside ourselves? We try to buck it, or perfect it, as ways to “justify” ourselves.

We pursue _____ - _____...

Or

We pursue _____.

THE LIFE WE ALL NEED

- By redefining the **CONTENT** of the law, Jesus is redefining what the law is trying to _____.
- By redefining the **MOTIVE** of law-keeping, he’s redefining _____ you should do it.

_____ must define how righteous living is to be applied.

And God’s _____ define what love looks like.

THE JOURNEY WE MUST ALL TAKE TO GET THERE

1. You have to admit you’re _____.
2. You have to see there was only one who really offered the _____ for you.

The first step is the **humility** that destroys the _____.

The second step is the **affirmation** that destroys the _____.

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²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” ²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” ³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

LEVITICUS 19:18

...Love your neighbor as yourself.