

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE NATIONS
Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT)

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"³⁷ Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

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❖ The Truth of Today:

- Serving our neighbors and the nations is a COMMANDMENT, not an OPTION.

❖ Why Do We Serve our Neighbors and Nations?

1. We have a SAVIOR WORTH SERVING.

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

John 1:3 (NASB)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15-16 (NLT)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

2. We have a BIBLE WORTH BELIEVING.

... and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,

for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NLT)

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord— and he will repay you!

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT)

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

3. We have a CHURCH WORTH REVIVING.

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. ⁵Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. ⁶Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. ⁷Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:4-8 (NLT)