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Part 5: Our Community (Continued)

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1. Return on Investment

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Luke 14:12-24

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ ***But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*** ¹⁴ ***and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.***”

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him,

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“Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘**I have bought a field, and I must go** out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘**I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go** to examine them. Please have me excused.’

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²⁰ And another said, '***I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot*** come.' ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, '***Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.***' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

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²³ And the master said to the servant, '**Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.** ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' "

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- law of giving “can’t out-give God” (Mt 19, Mk 10, Lk 6, 2 Cor 9)

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2. Not Our Responsibility

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²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”** ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

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²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, **“And who is my neighbor?”** ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance **a priest** was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise **a Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But **a Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

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³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ ***Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?*** ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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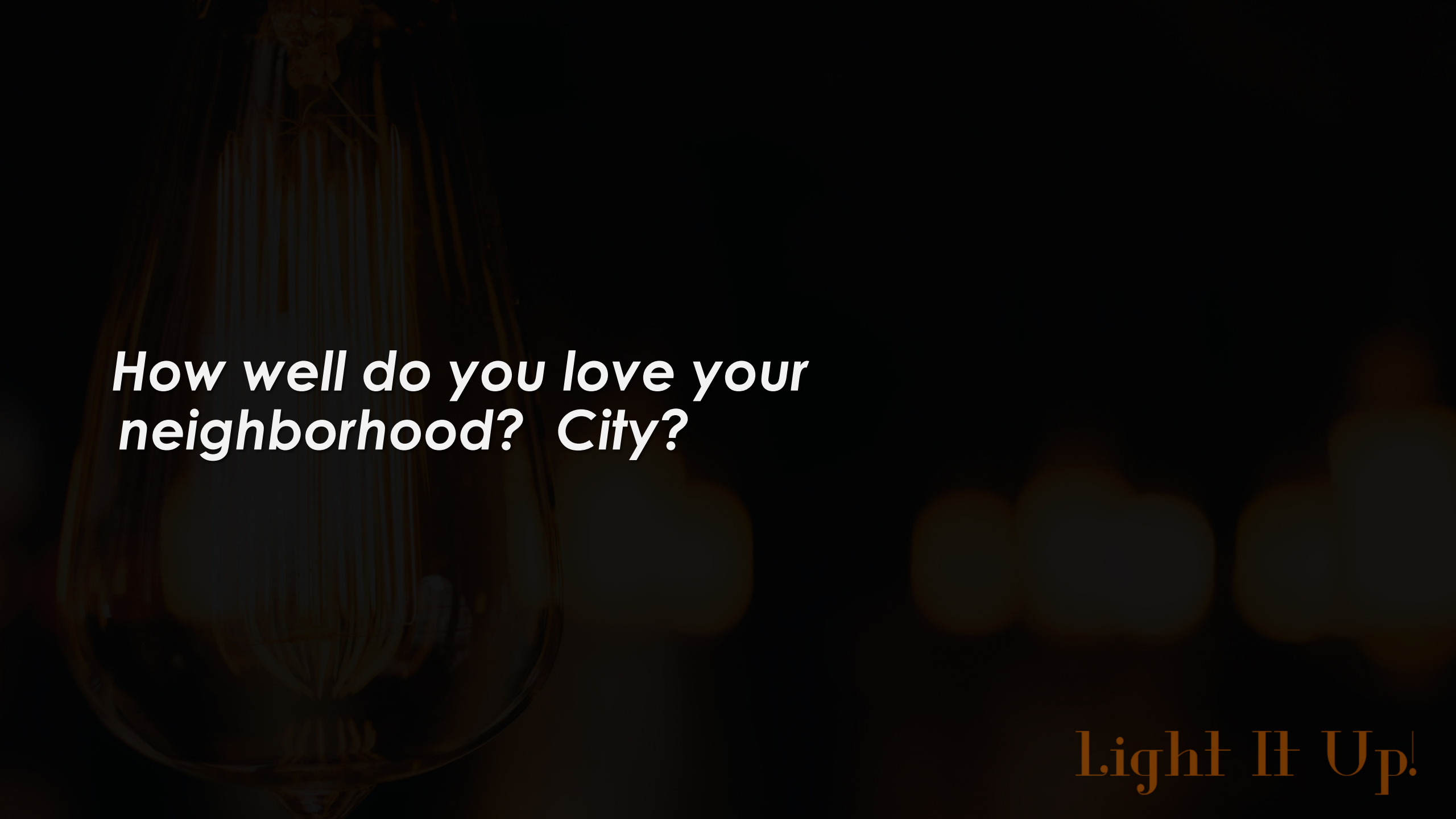
God feels responsible for the lost!

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*What changes when you feel responsible for
lost, least, & lonely of our city?*

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*How well do you love your
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