

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

PART 3

WHAT'S A NEIGHBOR TO BE?

Matthew 7:12 **“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.**

1. BE REAL NOT FAKE.

Matthew 5:3 **“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.**

Matthew 5:8 **God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.**

2. BE SYMPATHETIC NOT SELF-CENTERED.

Matthew 5:4 **God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

Romans 12:15 **Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.**

3. BE HUMBLE NOT PRIDEFUL.

Matthew 5:5 **God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.**

Proverbs 16:18 **Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.**

4. BE HEROIC NOT APATHETIC.

Matthew 5:6 **God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.**

Proverbs 31:8–9 **Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.**

5. BE MERCIFUL NOT VENGEFUL.

Matthew 5:7 **God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

Matthew 5:9 **God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.**

6. BE FAITHFUL NOT A QUITTER.

Matthew 5:10 **God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.**

Matthew 5:14–16 **“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.**

No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.