

Living for a Purpose
Mark 12:28-34
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What is the Greatest Commandment?

Love God with all you have. (30)

- Love is more than a feeling, it is principally an action.
- Love is to be comprehensive.

Love your neighbor as yourself. (31, Lev 19:18)

- We're to love our neighbors with limitless and unconditional love.
- Loving others is the practical outworking of loving God.
- A neighbor is someone whose needs I see, whose needs I can meet.
- ~~“Who is my neighbor”~~ but rather “Whose neighbor, am I?”

What is our purpose?

- GATHER together to
- GROW to become like Christ, and who
- Give of themselves in order to
- GO into the and be a BLESSing.

I believe that we must desire to bless those around us before we convert them.

The simple acronym BLESS is a helpful guide.

- **Begin with prayer**: “God, how do you want me to bless the people in the places you’ve sent me to?”
- **Listen with purpose**: Take the time to listen to the needs, struggles and pain of people around you.
- **Eat together**: Look for ways to have a cup of coffee, a meal or dessert.
- **Serve in love**: Look for ways to respond to the needs, struggles and pain of people. When you see a need, meet that need. 1 Corinthians 10:24:
- **Share your story**: When the time is right, share the story of how Jesus Christ has changed your life.

Love where you live