

COMISSIONAL LIVING

Making Much of Jesus *As You Go*

Practice 6: LOVE

Galatians 5:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in **one word**: “You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.”

The sixth (and most important) step to living a “comissional life” is to _____.

A Case Study on Love – Luke 10:25-37

A lawyer’s question: “_____?”

Jesus’ response: “_____?”

The lawyer’s answer: _____

Jesus’ affirmation: “_____. _____”

The lawyer’s motivation: _____

Closing the loophole: The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus expanded the notion of “neighbor” to include _____!

Danger: making the Great Commandment a mere _____

Love is clearly depicted as _____

Simple conclusion: _____! (v. 37)

So ... what do I do?

1. _____ the needs I see or the hurts God causes me to feel.
2. _____ to do what I can, even if it’s only a little.
3. _____ people that aren’t like me, don’t like me, or are hard to like.

My motive: A life controlled by love*:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴ For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

From now on ...

I no longer live for _____. I live for Christ and His mission.

Why?

I try to see all people through _____.

How?

My primary occupation is _____.

What will I do?

Conclusion: What sort of “love” are we talking about?

1 John 3:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ **By this we know love**, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, **let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.**

Love the way _____ loves.

Express that love in _____ and _____.