

Series: The Purpose of the Church
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LOVE OTHERS BY MEETING THEIR NEEDS

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Five principles that summarize the church's call to love others...

1. **LOVING OTHERS SHOULD BE A _____ FOR THE CHURCH!**

Matthew 22:34-40 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2. **LOVING OTHERS MEANS _____ OF OTHERS!**

Luke 10:36-37 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Two important principles to remember...

- **First**, our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed, or social background who _____.
- **Second**, love means _____ to meet the person's need.

3. **MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS WAS A _____ OF THE EARLY _____!**

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer....All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Galatians 2:10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

"101 WAYS YOUR CHURCH CAN CHANGE THE WORLD" (A Guide to Help Christians Express the Love of Christ to a Needy World) by Tony Campolo

4. **MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS REFLECTS OUR _____ FOR _____!**

Matthew 25:31-40 ... "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Proverbs 14:31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Who does God identify with?

Psalm 35:10, Isaiah 41:17, Luke 14:12-14
James 1:27

5. **MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS _____!**

Philippians 2:4-8 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Romans 16:3-4, Luke 14:33