

UNIT 2 INTRO

Love?

Unit 2 | Love Thy Neighbor | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
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UNIT VERSE: MARK 12:31

“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

SECTION VERSE: 1 TIMOTHY 5:8

“Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”



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PRAYER

Think about some people who are not very nice to you, people who you dislike. Ask God to help you love them as He loves them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is love important?
- What does it mean to love God?
- ★ What does it mean to love your neighbor?
- ★ Why should I love my neighbor? What if they aren't very nice? How is this like God's love for us?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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What's Love Got to Do With it?

~ Patrick Ramsey

A number of years ago, Tina Turner sang a song titled, "What's love got to do with it?" According to the scriptures, love has everything to do with it! The love you are to have for God and for one another holds a preeminent place in the sight of God.

1 Corinthians 13 asserts that one can possess spiritual gifts, great faith and all knowledge but if he does not have love, he is nothing. Think about that for a moment. You could have the faith of Abraham, perform the miracles of Elisha or Paul, utter prophecies and be the most astute theologian in the world and yet be a nobody before the eyes of God... Jesus taught that the two greatest commandments are the commandments to love. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matt.22:37-40).

Love is a sign or mark of Christ's disciples (John 13:35). Moreover, it is evidence that a person has been born again and knows God (1 John 4:7-8). An unloving Christian is simply an oxymoron, that is, a living contradiction. As Christians, we are called to faith and hope. We are to "clothe [ourselves] with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col. 3:12). We are to bear with one another and forgive one another...

What's love got to do with it? **Everything!**

As you prepare your heart and mind for this week's lesson take a fresh look at some of these verses and make mental note of the differences between human love and divine love. Also note for yourself what divine love is and what it isn't, what it does, and what it doesn't do. Understanding divine love is critical to our understanding of the great commandments to love God and to love our neighbor. Enjoy this time of meditation in the Word.

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

1 John 4:7-8 | 1 Corinthians 13
Matt 5:44 | John 13:34-35
Col 3:12-14 | Rom 5:8 | 1 Jn 3:16