

LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOUR AS
YOURSELF



Mathew 22

- ▶ **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



▶ ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

▶ ***Not more than yourself***

▶ ***Not less than yourself***



▶ ***Not more
than
yourself***

- ▶ Love yourself less – feelings of not being good enough compared to others.
- ▶ Breeds an inferiority complex.
- ▶ Fear of humiliation, envy others, super-sensitivity, fear of rejection
- ▶ Confidence diminished, withdraw into oneself, loneliness
- ▶ Discourages fellowship



▶ ***Not less
than
yourself***

- ▶ Love yourself more – feelings of “I am better than others.”
- ▶ Breeds a superiority complex.
- ▶ Exaggerate self-importance, discard other’s opinion, boasts, lacks empathy, arrogance, exploitation of others.
- ▶ Habit of ignoring others
- ▶ Discourages fellowship



1 Corinthians 12

- ▶ ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



1 Corinthians 12

- ▶ ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.
- ▶ ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable



1 Corinthians 12

- ▶ 24 But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.
- ▶ *Because they have concern for oneself.*



▶ ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

- ▶ ***Acceptance***
- ▶ ***Respect***
- ▶ ***Tolerance***
- ▶ ***Interdependance***
- ▶ ***Encourages Fellowship***

