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Day 2

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37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
Matthew 22:37-40

Since we started our series with God’s Greatest Commandment: Love God, it is fitting that we move on to His second greatest commandment: to **love others** as we love ourselves. Ouch! That is a tall order. In my opinion, it is easier to love God than to love other people. Other people can be annoying. They can let us down. And quite often they don’t love us back. How can we love somebody who does not love us? How can we **love others**?

Fortunately, loving others is a choice we make, which does not depend on their attitude towards us.

Loving is a choice, not a feeling.



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Identifying others.

Today's verse uses the word *neighbors*. Love my neighbors ... I don't even know some of my neighbors. In the Greek, *others/neighbors* transliterates as *plesion*, which means "neighbor, friend, any member of the Hebrew nation and commonwealth; according to Christ, any other man irrespective of nation or religion with whom we live or whom we chance to meet." Did you notice the spatial/geographical progression of the definition? Neighbor ... friends ... Americans ... any person in the world. So **others** refers to everybody in the whole world. Wow! While it is impossible for me to tangibly love everyone, I can **love others** whom I chance to meet.

Loving others as you love yourself.

How do I love me, let me count the ways. Start by thinking about how you treat yourself. You take the best piece of cake for yourself (the one with the frosting flower). You sit in the chair, which affords the best view of the TV screen. You order first (always) at Panera. You ride in the front seat of the car. When with your friends, everyone eats at **your** favorite restaurant and shops at **your** preferred stores. Loving

others calls for a 180 attitude adjustment.



Do you want others to pray for you? Pray for them. Do you desire mercy? Show mercy. Do you like encouragement? Encourage others. Do you want others to love you? **Love others.**

Love others as you love yourself.

For Today:

Before you start your planning for today, take a moment to pray for God's guidance and power as you seek to **love others**. Today, as situations arise which involve others, think of how you'd wish to be treated and treat them accordingly. Be especially aware of people who:

- cut you off in traffic (you and I have NEVER done this).
- are slow in the checkout lane.
- bring you food you did not order (or forgot to leave off the onions-again).
- are late for an appointment, meeting, or dinner.

Use the To-Doers List Study Guide or a journaling app to plan and journal your day.

- [To Do-ers List Study Guide PDF](#) The study guide is very essential to your learning!
- [Days Lite: My Wonderful Life App](#) free app from App

Store.

For ideas on how to love others, please check the resources below.

- [*Love Like Jesus*](#)
- [*Love By Faith*](#)

Don't forget to leave a comment in the comment section below. Have a blessed day. Remember to ***love others!***

In case you missed day 1, click on the link below:

[*To Do-ers List, Day 1: Love God*](#)

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