

## Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

The commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself” is found in Leviticus 19:18. It is quoted seven times in the New Testament.

### Leviticus 19:18

**18** “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

### Matthew 17-19:19

**17** So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

**18** He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ **19** ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

### Matthew 22:35-40

**35** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, **36** “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

**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.”

### Mark 12:28-34

**28** Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”

**29** Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. **30** And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. **31** And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

**32** So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. **33** And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

**34** Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

### **Luke 10:25-28**

**25** And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

**26** He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

**27** So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

**28** And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

### **Romans 13:8-10**

**8** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

### **Galatians 5:13-15**

**13** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **15** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

### **James 2:8-9**

**8** If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; **9** but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.