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## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

“Love your neighbor as yourself” is a message found throughout the bible, both directly and indirectly. We should try to help everyone in our power and never seek revenge. Loving your neighbor as yourself is an important scripture that is relevant to all mankind. This scripture is like the biblical Good Samaritan, displayed by responsible world citizens, and should be embraced by everyone.

We should all aspire to be like the Good Samaritan. The priest and Levite were expected to help the distressed and bruised Jewish traveller. However, they passed him by the roadside. The Samaritan, an enemy of the Jew, did not just dress his wounds. The Samaritan also brought the Jew to an inn, paid for his care, offered to pay for additional expenses, and did not seek repayment. Like the Samaritan, we have a responsibility to care for our “neighbors,” including strangers and enemies. Imagine a world where refugees fleeing persecution, crime or poverty in places like Syria could find refuge in foreign countries, or where illegal Haitians are treated with respect in The Bahamas. What would the world resemble if we were truly our brothers’ keepers?

If I were wealthy, I would be a philanthropist like Bill Gates or Sir John Templeton. They choose to help people even though they could keep all their money to themselves. They spend millions of dollars on people they do not know. For example, they gave millions of dollars to Cancer Research Foundations. Also, Bill Gates still donates a lot of his earnings for educational purposes. Being raised in a religious family, I see examples of loving your neighbor as yourself. I often help my next door who bakes for the poor, and I help my little sister like learning to ride her bike.

The Good Samaritan and popular philanthropist are exceptional examples of loving your neighbor as yourself. So, your neighbor is anyone near or far, and we should show love to everyone. I try to love my neighbor, everyone I meet. So, I think that loving your neighbor as yourself makes the world a better place!

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