

Daily Devotion For September 30, 2021

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40

Yesterday, I noticed my neighbor using some hand clippers to cut a hedge between he and the neighbor on the other side of his property. So I called out to him and asked if he wanted to use my electric trimmer. He was happy to borrow it and as we were talking he told me that his other neighbors were nice but that they were messy. In fact, the reason that he had to cut and trim the hedge was because there were rats in the hedge that were also biting the cables of his car.

Now, what if the Bible said, "Go on and love your neighbor if you feel like it and if they are nice. But, you really don't have to. If you don't like them and they don't deserve it, you don't have to be nice to them."

When something is important we tend to repeat it and emphasize it. When a teenager takes the car out, we remind him or her to be careful, pay attention, and to leave the cell phone alone. When a doctor wants you to take a particular prescription, he or she may remind you of the importance of taking it regularly.

Learning that we are to love our neighbors is so important that we are reminded of it at least 8 times throughout the Bible. Plus, Jesus spoke about it in parable and God even commanded it.

Thought For Today: Remember today, Love your neighbor. Who can you be a good neighbor to. The State Farm Insurance commercial used to say, "Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there." To whom can you be a good neighbor today?.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord will lead you to someone to whom you can be a good neighbor to. Add this week's prayer fuel to your daily devotion. Deo Volente.