



## LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF!

**Matthew 22:37** *Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** (38) **This is the first and great commandment.** (39) **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** (40) **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

How many times have we found ourselves dissatisfied with our actions ... judging the effects rather than the cause of these 'so-called' failures. We are not speaking of desiring more than we have experienced of the Lord! We are prone to put our own created demands (laws) upon our daily lives and then wonder why there is no lasting change. We are so often 'hard' on ourselves... even to the point of declaring negative conclusions about our lives, relationships and desires!

If you ever get labelled a 'perfectionist' it is possibly that you are dissatisfied with your achievements both in the natural realm as well as in the Lord. Self-effort will not change you. It is like having many 'new year resolutions' which do not last neither do they ultimately change one.

To love oneself ... first we need to really know who **your real self** is. This answer comes from a healthy relationship with your heavenly Father. *My life is hid with Christ in God* ... As we move in Christ's love, my 'old' life (that has tendencies to be Adamic at times) actually is hidden ... cannot be seen! Right? *For me to live is Christ* ...

Now can we begin to view our neighbour in a different light ... for in truth we certainly love Christ-Jesus for it is He who is our true self! So now we have a love of our neighbour that perhaps is a bit different? §