

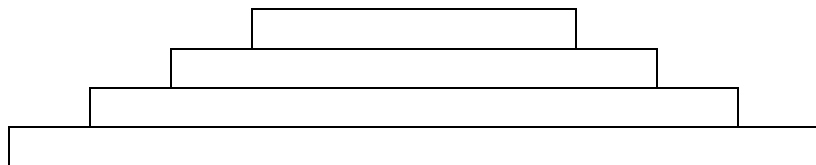
I love people - starting with me!

1. God wants us to love him, and to love people. 7:9-10

Jesus confronted those who God to avoid serving people.

Loving people starts with God.

We love because God first loved us. (1 John 4:19)



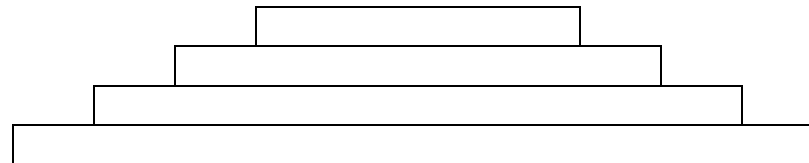
2. People want to love themselves. 7:11-12

Love does to its neighbour. Love is fulfilment of the Law. There are so many things in life for which to be thankful, so don't let one thankless individual ruin your entire day.

- People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
- If you are kind you will be accused of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
- If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
- If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
- The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
- Give your best and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
- In the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway. (Mother Teresa)

3. Love people as you would love yourself. 7:13

How I love people is a reflection of how God loves people.
 The entire Law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbour as yourself. (Galatians 5:14)
 Passion for Christ for people
 Good make good neighbours
 How to love your neighbour: Be Leviticus 19:9-10
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I choose to...

This week I really need to be praying for...

Discussion starters. There are no wrong answers.

1. What is wrong with: "JOY comes from Jesus first; Others second; and Yourself last"?
2. Why do you think the Bible instructs us to place ourselves before others as a key element of love?
3. How might you be able to help someone who constantly placed others before themselves?
4. Turn the page over and read the Mother Teresa quote. In what ways does this quote echo "love your neighbour as yourself"?
5. Read Leviticus 19:9-10. Suggest a few ways of being generous today.
6. Read Leviticus 19:11-12. Suggest a few ways of being honest today.
7. Read Leviticus 19:13-14. Suggest a few ways of being kind today.
8. Read Leviticus 19:15-16. Suggest a few ways of being fair today.
9. Read Leviticus 19:17-18. Suggest a few ways of being bold today.