

The Principle of the Kingdom

Definition of Principle:

1.) a fundamental truth 2.) a rule of conduct 3.) a basic philosophy

The Contrast of Two Worlds:

The World believes that if you *don't agree with them* you can be seen as an Enemy.

Those of the Kingdom of God are to see everyone as their Neighbor.

The Scope of Love:

People like me:

¹⁸ Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but **love your neighbor as yourself.** I am the Lord.
Leviticus 19:18

Our Love is **not** to be **determined** by what they _____ or _____.

People not like me:

³³ When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. ³⁴ The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. **Love them as yourself,** for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:33-34

Our Love is **not** to be **determined** by their background or _____.

The Significance of Love:

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Our Love is the _____ maker!

The Similarity to God's Love:

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48

The concept of hating the enemy isn't from God.

Job 31:29 Psalm 7:4 Prov. 24:17-18 & 29, 25:21-22 - (Rom. 12:20)

Our Love is to be **different** than the world.

God's love is equal and _____.

Our Love is proven though _____ positively for **hurtful** people.

The Good Samaritan style of Love:

The dangerous **judgments** of those different than me:

- You are too far _____.
- You are of less _____.
- I am _____.

The proper **perspective** for all of us.

Mercy is never _____, but proof we love.

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Dear friends, since God so loved us,

we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

Optional Reading: The expectation of behavior toward our neighbor.

Exodus 20¹⁶⁻¹⁷ 23⁴⁻⁵ **Lev.** 19^{13, 18, 33-34} **Deut.** 5²¹ **Ps.** 15³
Prov. 3²⁹ 58¹¹ **Matt.** 19¹⁹ 22³⁹ **Mark** 12³¹ **Luke** 10²⁷
Rom. 13⁹ 15² **Gal.** 5¹⁴ **James** 2⁸