

## 21 Ways to Love Your Neighbor

1. Love your brother or sister in Christ from your heart; don't fake it.
2. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.
3. Be a true friend—faithful, devoted, affectionate.
4. Be generous in honoring one another; don't worry about any credit due you (God will take care of that).
5. Keep the flame of the Spirit kindled; don't let yourself get burned out (you're not much use to the Lord if you let that happen).
6. Be a hopeful person; cheerfully expect God to work in all things for his good and yours.
7. Don't quit when hard times come (and they will).
8. Pray. Pray constantly. Pray honestly. Pray earnestly. Pray expectantly. Pray!
9. Help needy Christians every way you can; God's gifts are yours to share, not to hoard.
10. Be creative in your hospitality; look for new ways to make others feel accepted and valued and loved.
11. Bless your adversaries and your detractors (no cursing under your breath allowed).
12. Celebrate the joys, achievements, and victories of others, and share the tears, disappointments, and defeats of others. (Remember: a burden shared is a burden diminished, and a joy shared is a joy multiplied.)
13. Get along with one another; there's no such thing as "irreconcilable differences" in the body of Christ.
14. Don't be stuck up. (Don't ever forget: God made you from dirt.)
15. Be friendly with people who may at first seem unimpressive to you. (Don't ever forget: God made them in his image.)
16. Don't hit back; somebody has to break the deadly cycle to retribution and retaliation.
17. In all your dealings public and private, make it your goal to be a man or woman of honor and integrity.
18. It's not always possible, but when it is, live at peace with everyone whose life touches yours.
19. You are not the final judge and jury of humankind—God is; so why not leave the ultimate judgment and justice to him?
20. Surprise your antagonists with unexpected generosity and kindness (it will blow their minds, I guarantee you!).
21. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.