



Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. **Romans 12:1** (NASV)

When the Pharisees heard how he had bested the Sadducees, they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: “Teacher, which command in God’s Law is the most important?” <sup>37-40</sup> Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.” **Matthew 22:34-40** (MP)

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied with a story.... **Luke 10:29-30a** (NLT)

... teaching that loving my neighbor means serving my neighbor.

## ➤ GOD HONORING SERVICE HAPPENS WHEN I...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ... a priest came along...saw the man lying there...crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup>A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> Then a Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man... **Luke 10:30b-33a** (NLT)

...right now you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I’m telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what’s right in front of you. These fields are ripe. It’s harvest time! **John 4:35** (MP)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.

...a priest came along but when he saw the man lying there he crossed to the

other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup>A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man he felt compassion for him... **Luke 10:31-33a** (NLT)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them... **Matthew 9:36** (NIV)

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion... **Colossians 3:12** (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - I WILL \_\_\_\_\_ TO MEET THE NEED.

The Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, “Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.” **Luke 10:34, 35** (NLT)

**NOTE:** The act of \_\_\_\_\_ requires...  
the act of \_\_\_\_\_.

### • 4 Sacrifices that Loving Service Commonly Requires.

1. I will have to sacrifice my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I will have to sacrifice my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I will have to sacrifice my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I will have to sacrifice my \_\_\_\_\_.

And what about an ear? If an ear started to whine, “I am not an eye; I shouldn’t be attached to this body,” in all its pouting, it is still part of the body. <sup>17</sup> Imagine the entire body as an eye. How would a giant eye be able to hear? And if the entire body were an ear, how would an ear be able to smell? <sup>18</sup> This is where God comes in. God has meticulously put this body together; He placed each part in the exact place to perform the exact function He wanted. **1 Corinthians 12:16-18** (VOICE)

▪ Loving service meets the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ need.

## ➤ TWO “NOW AND FOREVER” QUESTIONS

Then a religious scholar stood before Jesus.... He posed this question: “Teacher, what requirement must I fulfill if I want to live forever in heaven?” **Luke 10:25** (TPT)

Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers? <sup>37</sup> The one who showed mercy to him. Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan. **Luke 10:36, 37** (VOICE)]