

THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM –SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 3
“THE BIBLE TELLS US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND ALSO TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES,
PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN THE SAME PEOPLE.” GILBERT A. CHESTERTON

MONDAY: I John 3:16-19; Romans 5:8; James 2:15-17; Jon 3:16/I John 3:16

KEY VERSE: I John 3:18

OBSERVATION: Consider the following 3 statements. **1. BROTHERLY LOVE IS EXTENSIVE.** Genuine God-like love knows no boundaries and sets no limits. It draws no lines. **2. BROTHERLY LOVE IS EXPENSIVE.** Look no farther than the cross. That is what love is all about. It does not hold anything back, but it meets needs wherever it finds them. **3. BROTHERLY LOVE IS EXPRESSIVE.** Real love does more than simply talk, it acts. Are these three statements an active part of your life?

TUESDAY: Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-37

KEY VERSE: Matthew 22:40

OBSERVATION: Jesus tells us that there are two Great, Foremost and Overwhelming commandments for the Christian....To love God and to love your neighbor. Martin Luther King wrote this concerning the story of the Good Samaritan: *“The first question which the Priest and the Levite asked was, ‘If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? But the Good Samaritan reversed the question: If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’”* What would you have done in this situation and why?

WEDNESDAY: Mark 12: 28-34

KEY VERSE: Mark 12:31

OBSERVATION: It is normal and necessary for people to look out after their “self-interest”. There is a correct way to do this. Make your self-seeking the measure of your self-giving. Jesus says, “Love you neighbor **AS** yourself. The word **AS** is very radical. In other words we should measure the pursuit of happiness of others, and what it should be, by the way we pursue our own happiness. Do you already implement this in your life?

THURSDAY: I Timothy 6:18-19; Galatians 6:9-10; Hebrews 10:24

KEY VERSE: I Timothy 6:18

OBSERVATION: *“You can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”* John Wooden *“How seldom we weigh our neighbor in the same balance with ourselves.”* Thomas A. Kempis. I Timothy says that Christians are commanded to do good deeds. Evaluate yourself concerning doing good deeds on a scale of one to five with one being the lowest. Do you need to improve? What will you do to improve?

FRIDAY: Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 12:28-34

KEY VERSE: Matthew 7:12

OBSERVATION: *“A man is called selfish not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbors.* Richard Whatley. *The impersonal hand of government can never replace the hand of a neighbor.* Hubert H. Humphrey. As you live out your day are you aware of the people around you? Co-workers; Shoppers; Friends; Neighbors, Civil Servants , etc. or do you conduct your day solely focused on yourself? How might you improve in this area of your life and ministry?

SATURDAY: Romans 15:1-4; Galatians 5:13-15; Matthew 6:43-48

KEY VERSE: Galatians 5:14

OBSERVATION: *“I want you to be concerned about your neighbor. Do you know your neighbor?”* Mother Teresa. *“What a cruel thing war is...to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors.* Robert E. Lee. **GRADE YOURSELF AND SEE WHERE YOU MIGHT IMPROVE.** How well do you know and get along with your neighbors; your coworkers; your church family; your relatives; strangers; others?