

Be a Friend

Matthew 22:37–39 (NKJV)

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ ‘*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*’ ” ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*’ ”

Leviticus 19:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

Galatians 6:1–5 (NKJV)

Bear and Share the Burdens

6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

Ephesians 4:2 (NKJV)

with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Acts 20:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*’ ”

Romans 15:1 (NKJV)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NKJV)

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

James 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself,*” you do well;

Romans 12:3 (NKJV)

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God,

1 Corinthians 11:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Luke 18:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—
extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

Romans 2:6 (NKJV)

⁶ who "*will render to each one according to his deeds*":

Galatians 5:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"