

"SEEING" MY NEIGHBOR

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING, PART 3

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The Great Commandment

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Luke 10:27

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

1 Corinthians 5:9

If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.

1 Corinthians 15:32-33

Q. When is the last time you made religious people uncomfortable by the people you hang out with?

Story 1: Dinner with the Pharisee, Luke 7:37-50

Jesus asks

“Simon do you see this woman?”

Luke 7:44

• **Do we really see the people around us?**

- **Are we paying attention to the divine moments that God brings us in our own neighborhoods?**
- **Do we have a filter (like Simon) where we fail to see what is really going on with the people God has placed us next to?**

Story 2: Dinner with the Tax Collector, Luke 5:27-32

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5:30-32

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5:14