

Simple.

**We often, mistakenly,
think that Christian
maturity is primarily
based on:**

- **Knowledge**
- **Position**
- **Volume**
- **Following the rules**

Simple.

Luke 10:25-26

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

Luke 10:27-28

And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

Luke 10:29-30

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

Luke 10:31-33

Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luke 10:34-35

He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Luke 10:36-37

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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We neglect love when:

- 1. We limit it with religion**
- 2. We become Exclusive**

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**“Brain researchers have found
that we are most likely to actually
help someone, not simply when
we see them suffer, but when we
also consider ourselves
“attached” to them...**

**Seeing suffering does not move me
to act if I think of the person as
“him” But when I think of that
person as part of “us” part of “me”
then I am moved to bless.”**

John Ortberg

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Luke 6:37

**“Judge not, and you will not be
judged; condemn not, and you will
not be condemned; forgive, and
you will be forgiven...”**

Luke 6:38

**...give, and it will be given to you.
Good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over, will
be put into your lap. For with the
measure you use it will be
measured back to you.”**

Luke 6:39-40

He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:41

**Why do you see the speck that is in
your brother's eye, but do not
notice the log that is in your own
eye?**

Luke 6:42

**How can you say to your brother,
'Brother, let me take out the speck that
is in your eye,' when you yourself do not
see the log that is in your own eye? You
hypocrite, first take the log out of your
own eye, and then you will see clearly to
take out the speck that is in your
brother's eye.**

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We neglect love when:

3. We remain Superficial

**The Church is founded on
the costly, inclusive love
of Jesus.**

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**“The health, long term mission,
and viability of the church are not
going to be determined by those
who gather on Sunday morning.
The future of the church will be
determined by the depth of its
disciples.**

**People in communities through
small groups... beyond Sunday
morning are our future. They are
our future because in these settings
mature, countercultural disciples
are made.”**

Ed Stetzer

**Stop being an observer
and become a neighbour!**
Get in a group!

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