

THE ALTOGETHER CHRISTIAN

WEEKLY
MIND * STRENGTH

7-Day Devotional: Love Your Neighbor

Weekly Prayer: God of transforming love, teach me to see your image in myself and in my neighbor. Free me from labels, assumptions, and easy judgments. Transform my heart, soul, mind, and strength until the grace I receive becomes the love I give. Make me altogether yours. Amen.

Day 1 : What God Sees

Genesis 1:26–27

Reflection: Before Scripture tells us what human beings accomplish, it tells us who we are: created in the image of God. That identity isn't earned through intelligence, success, behavior, or agreement with us. Before we place a label on another person, God has already called them an image-bearer.

Quest: Whom am I having difficulty seeing beyond the labels I have given them?

Action: When you encounter that person today, silently remind yourself: “This person bears God's image.”

Go Deeper

Day 2: The Story I Don't Know

Proverbs 18:13, 17

Reflection: We

know the story behind our own mistakes, but rarely know the whole story behind someone else's. We give ourselves explanations while giving others labels. Loving our neighbor requires humility about what we don't know.

Question: Where might I have written someone's story without knowing enough to write it?

Action: Replace one assumption today with a question or an act of curiosity.

Day 3: As Yourself

Matthew 7:7–12

Reflection: Jesus connects our treatment of others with how we ourselves desire to be treated. Think about what you hope to receive when you're struggling: patience, understanding, another chance, honesty without humiliation, grace. “As yourself” invites us to offer those gifts to others.

Question: What do I most want from others when I am at my worst?

Action: Intentionally offer that same gift to someone today.

Day 4: Love Does No Harm

Romans 13:8–10

Reflection: Paul says the commandments are summed up in loving our neighbor and that love fulfills the law. Love isn't merely thinking warm thoughts about people. It shapes how we speak, respond, forgive, serve, and seek another person's good.

Question: How would love change one interaction I expect to have today?behavior?

Action: Before that interaction, ask: “What would love require of me here?”

Day 5: Look Again

James 3:7–10

Reflection: James sees a contradiction in praising God while cursing people made in God's likeness. We cannot separate how we relate to God from how we regard people God created. Sometimes discipleship means slowing down long enough to look again.

Question: Who have I reduced to a mistake, disagreement, appearance, or behavior?

Action: Pray for that person by name, asking God to help you see what you have missed.

Day 6: Love Becomes Visible

1 John 4:7–12

Reflection: God's love isn't meant to stop with us. We love because love comes from God. The grace transforming our heart, soul, mind, and strength becomes visible in how we love the people around us.

Question: Where could God's love overflow through me today?

Action: Do one concrete act for another person's good.

Day 7: Altogether

Mark 12:28–34

Reflection: Heart. Soul. Mind. Strength. Neighbor. Jesus gathers the whole life into love. An Altogether Christian isn't someone who has finally become flawless, but someone increasingly surrendering their whole life to God's transforming grace so that God's love can flow through them.

Question: Who is God calling me to BE? Where is God calling me to GO? What is God calling me to GIVE?

Action: Review the past five weeks. Name one way God's grace is inviting you to continue growing in holy love.