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News and Prayer Letter 12 February 2018

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We are studying the 4 Bible scriptures below perfectly tying in with our ministry in CBMC:

- You must love God, the Trinity - Matt 22:37
- Love thy neighbour - Matt 22:39
- Go make disciples - Matt 28:19
- The power of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8

Next we discuss *Love they neighbour* (Matt 22:39)

Imagine we look at neighbourly love on a scale of +10 on the one side and -10 on the other. There are:

- Those who are easy to love, my loving wife, beautiful children, my friends and generally those I adore on the +10 side, between +6 to +10.
- Those whom I love at times, +1 to +5.
- Those I simply bear with. They work with me or live next door so I have to bear with them. You can make your own list. They are on the scale -1 to +1.
- And then those I simply cannot stand and my enemies on the far side although they are also my neighbours.

What does the Word of God say?

"For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Rom 13:9

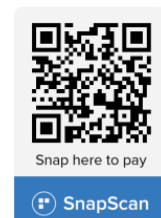
"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Rom 13:10

"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart..." 1 Pet 1:22

"...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love..." Eph 4:2

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you..." Matt 5:44

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“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” Luke 6:27-28

The scriptures are very clear regarding my *neighbours*, but how do I interpret it?

Write down one or two names of someone you can show more neighbourly love to. Maybe it is a family member or a colleague. Make a conscience decision to do something constructive.

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Who do you bear with at times, without neighbourly love. Remember Eph 4:2 says *in love*. How will you change your attitude to bear *in love*?

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Who's in the minus side of your scale?

Write those names on a blue prayer card. Ask the Lord to establish love for them in your heart. Pray for them daily according to Matt 5:44 and Luke 6:35 *“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.”*

Let us be intentional in showing our neighbourly love. Thereby actively bringing change about.

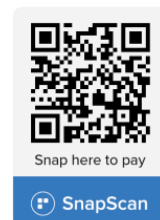
“...by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love...” II Cor 6:6

Have a blessed week.

Frik Janse van Rensburg

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Birthdays & Calendar:

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February

12th: Joseph Hwang **13th:** Kafua Thaele, Niel Myburgh, Deon Burger, Sarel Bester & Willem Jacobs **14th:** Michiel Erasmus & Richard Catlett **15th:** Paul du Plessis, Leon Fortuin, Martin Rossouw & Jimmy van Zyl **16th:** André Heydenrych & Christo Naudé **17th:** Miekie van Zyl **18th:** Johan Kemp

CBMC Calendar:

- **CBMC Leaders Weekend, Western Cape**, 23-25 February
- **CBMC Leaders Conference, North**, 10 March
- **CBMC Outreach Plaaskombuis (with Warren Elliott)**, 29 March
- **CBMC & Mighty Men Western Cape Golf Day**, 6 April
- **CBMC World Convention Belfast, Ireland**, 21-23 June. Please go pre-register

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