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**Read Matthew 22:37-39**

Jesus said to him, "You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. "you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

OK, so loving God is an easy commandment. But, loving all people? Yes, it means loving those that don't seem as though they even want to be liked. I suppose everyone deserves love and being children of God, it should be us to show that towards all our neighbors. This commandment goes beyond the Realm of our actual neighbors and includes "all people". Jesus linked these two commandments, because the first is not possible without the other.

In focusing on these two halves of the Ten Commandments (duty to God and duty to neighbor) it offers a foundation for all our living, with our duty being love, which is a God like attitude.

**Prayer:** Father God, may you help me to love others and go beyond the specific requirements of the law to the God like attitude to always have that personal reflection of a loving heart.

**Yield:** May I always maintain a right relationship with God to help produce a right relationship to others. A true neighbor compassionately serves others in need.

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