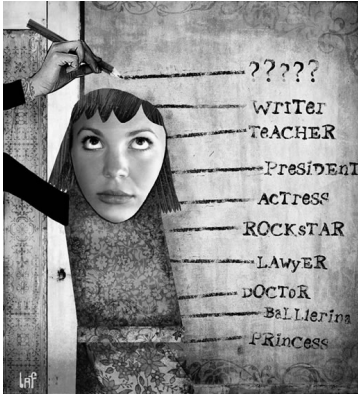


# Love Thy Neighbor in Service

## Where Is The Joy In It All?



Where is the joy hidden? It is a search almost every human being is about. When we are young certain desires are in our heart. The simplest for boys is to be a pro athlete. As that quickly fades most have a desire to be rich. Behind the idea is that with money you will have power, control and likely a beautiful wife. Our society supports the concept in very powerful ways.

When and if those are obtained they can be incredibly hollow. Power has all sorts of responsibility that goes with it. The pursuit of power can cost you almost every thing else in life. The destruction the path can cause is often not known until the power has been obtained, and the price to family and other parts of life have already been paid.

I recently saw a very famous sports announcer talk about how, in the pursuit of his job, he was virtually non-existent as a dad. Control is an incredibly deceptive thing. Whatever you may think it simply does not exist.

Normally individuals do not understand this until they are older. Events come in life we never expect and have no way of controlling.

*a* 46 year old man died within 6 weeks of finding out he had cancer. One 55 year old man died from cancer on his liver only a few weeks after finding he was ill. A seemingly endless number of young individuals (high school and college age) have died in the past two years

(car wrecks, drug overdose, falling off a porch). Whatever you believe control to be and how you might obtain it, LOOK AGAIN. It is not there.

### Fading Away

Beauty is wonderful in youth but always fades. Marriage for beauty alone will almost always end in disaster. Our society says the simple answer to the beauty problem is to get another young wife. Try that a few times and see how pleasant family life becomes between the multiple ex. wives and children. The complexities and problems seem endless.

Joy and peace are actually hidden in a relationship with the Lord. Finding Him is not difficult but takes time. Get into a bible you will read daily. There are multiple versions, and you can get one at any Christian bookstore that has language you can understand. Pray daily. You will find out who you really are, and what the Lord desires for you to become. Service is the last place one would expect to find joy.

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### Love Thy Neighbor Program Services

Christian Counseling

Telephone Resource Services

Shelter

Transportation

Food

Emergency Cash Assistance

**Ask how you can help!**

**Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:39**

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Field is limited to the first 20 golfers so contact us soon.

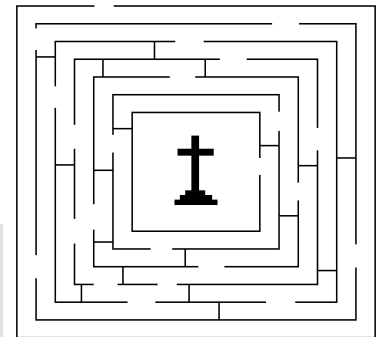
**What can you do?**

We need your prayers! It is the most important thing you can do for the ministry.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."  
(James 5:16 NIV)*

LTN is committed to spreading the Gospel by Christ's example to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. To this end, LTN has designed programs with the purpose of helping clients build a relationship of faith in God, regain their dignity and eventually, regain their self-sufficiency. Contact us to learn more about the services and programs.

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to be had. They simply are located in a place you would not initially expect.

Go on the search. It is the abundant life He tells you about, and you will find the reason why you were placed on the earth.

May God bless you!

**John Chapman, Jr.**

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However, that is where HE seems to meet you. After you read the bible, pray and come to believe in Jesus, some group of individuals will come up as your place of service. It does not necessarily have to be the homeless. While it normally involves a less fortunate group by societies standard, that is not an absolute requirement.

**B**uckhead Church was started to reach the nonbelievers in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. The neighborhood is one of the wealthiest in town. The church is specifically about having each individual come into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The church

has exploded in only 4-5 years. Approximately 3,500-4,000 individuals attend each week to watch a pastor (not even in the building) on a giant video screen.

**?** will say however that the path to the Lord almost always involves personal change. Just the mention of change can stop individuals from taking steps. Inertia and the fear of change is the largest problem facing each one of us including the homeless. What is going to happen? Will it ruin my life? What will the cost be? Everyone wants these questions answered in advance.

However, the Lord always seems to want a step of faith from us before HE arrives. The joy and peace are there