



Surrender Your Turf Part 2

Lesson 10 • Proverbs 3:27-32

The Challenge Now and Always: Choose to LOVE Your Neighbor in a Culture of Hate!

The Heart of the Problem Is the Heart: Surrender Your TURF to the LORD!

CHOOSE TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR IN A CULTURE OF HATE – Proverbs 3:27-31

THE NEIGHBOR NEAR YOU!		ANYONE AROUND YOU!	
27-28	29	30	31
The Asking Neighbor	The Trusting Neighbor	Any Person	A Violent Person
Don't WITHHOLD GOOD!	Don't DEVISE HARM!	Don't BE ANTAGONISTIC!	Don't BECOME VIOLENT!
Passive Putting Off	Active Planning	Verbal Aggression	Physical Attack
My TURF, My RESOURCES! "I don't have to share!"	My TURF, My RULES! "I'm getting what I want."	My TURF, My REASONING! "I'm right; you're wrong."	My TURF, My RIGHTS! "I'll secure my rights by force."

Wisdom on Surrendering Your Turf

1. HELP Your Needy Neighbor Whenever You Are Able. 3:27-28

Wisdom Avoids Two Extremes in Helping the Needy

- Giving to anyone and everyone WITHOUT discernment or discretion.
Proverbs 3:21; 13:4; 19:24

- Not helping those who humbly ask, while we HOLD what they need in our hand.

Why Help Your Needy Neighbor?

- We are to be GIVERS not hoarders.
1John 3:17-18

- We are to be DEBTORS not demanders.

"When it is in your power, don't withhold good from the one to whom it belongs." CSB; see ESV margin

1. We may **own it legally** but we **OWE it morally** to our neighbor in need.
2. We **give generously** because we have **RECEIVED generously!**

"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8

- We are to be **ACTIVE** lovers not passive haters: *Do for one what you wish you could do for many.*

“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” James 1:27

I Surrender My Turf: My RESOURCES!

These are His resources to share with my needy neighbor!

2. PROTECT Your Trusting Neighbor Especially When They Don't See It Coming. 3:29

I Surrender My Turf: My RULES!

I will trust in the Lord and play by His rules to do good to my trusting neighbor!

3. REFUSE to Be Antagonistic with Anyone. 3:30

Social Media

- What are you known for on social media through your posts and likes?
- What do you repost? What articles, memes, and videos do you share?
- Do you pass on articles you have not read yourself?
- Are you a “church basher” who is hiding your own doubts about God behind your activism?

Is your social media presence so one-sided and so one-dimensional that people think your “Jesus” is not interested them or their pain or their struggles?

Personal Interaction

- Are you an angry antagonist or a loving apologist for Christianity?
- Are you just “in it to win it” at any cost or are you willing “woo” others with the gentle and humble love of the Good Shepherd?
- Do you pre-judge others and find yourself enslaved to your own prejudices and hardness of heart?
- Are you a hypocrite who talks political activism or shares Bible memes but lacks the integrity to live out your beliefs?

I Surrender My Turf: My RUDENESS!

I will seek to understand before being understood and resist the gravitational pull of my pride to win at any cost and always be right!

4. REJECT the Ways of Violent People Who Are Crooked and Cursed by God. 3:31-35

I Surrender My Turf: My RIGHTS!

I surrender my rights in order to be and do like Christ who came to seek and to save the lost.

Because Jesus Is King Over All Including Your Turf, You Can Trust in Him with All Your Heart!

Choose to love your neighbor in a culture of hate!

Stand out from the crowd by the way you wisely love in truth and truth in love!