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Surrender Your Turf Part 1

Lesson 9 • Proverbs 3:27-35

What Stage of “Barney Fife” Does 2020 Currently Have You In?

Judgment Begins with God’s Own People. *1Peter 4:17-18 CSB*

God Is Shaking Our World and Sifting His Church.

The church of the living God is being called to love our _____ as ourselves!

- It’s a _____ **command.** *Matthew 22:36–40*
- It’s a _____ **concern.**
- It’s _____ **counsel.** *Proverbs 3:27-35*

The Challenge Now and Always

Choose to _____ Your Neighbor in a Culture of Hate.



Five Berean Observations of Proverbs 3:27-35

#1 There Are Four Warnings About How to Treat Our _____.

► **WHAT** is a neighbor?

| Wisdom on Defining a Neighbor | | |
|---|---|---|
| A CLOSE FRIEND | A NEARBY PERSON | A FELLOW HUMAN |
| A More Relational Meaning <i>Proverbs 17:17; 27:9-10</i> | A More Geographical Meaning <i>Proverbs 3:27-29; 27:10</i> | A More Theological Meaning <i>Proverbs 3:30-31</i> |

3 Facts About What a Neighbor Is

1. A neighbor is our fellow _____. *James 3:9-10*
2. All image bearers will give an _____ to their Creator for how they treat one another.
3. Our Creator is _____ watching and listening to how we treat one another.

► **WHO** is my neighbor and **HOW** should I treat him or her?

“Those persons with whom one is brought into contact and [or] with whom one must live on account of the circumstances of life.” – Quoted by Bruce Waltke

Jesus Answers the Question in Luke 10:25-37

#2 Each Verse Begins with a Negative, Because These Are Our _____ Tendencies.

#3 There Are _____ Wise Traits Listed with These Warnings.

3 Possible Reasons

1. The previous verses have _____ given us the opposing wise traits we need. *Proverbs 3:1, 11, 21*
2. The LORD _____ these sins and those who commit them.
Proverbs 3:32; 11:1, 20; 12:22; 15:8-9, 26; 16:5; 17:15; 20:10, 23; see also 6:16-17 (7 things the LORD hates); 21:27; 28:9
3. When the Lord is your _____ you are free to love others unselfishly. *Proverbs 3:25-26*

#4 There Are _____ Consequences for the Wise Lovers and the Foolish Haters.

TWO KINDS OF NEIGHBORS and CONSEQUENCES ARE CONTRASTED – *Proverbs 3:32-35*

| <i>Those Who Don't Love Their Neighbor</i> | <i>Those Who Do Love Their Neighbor</i> |
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| Are Devious and an Abomination to the LORD | Are Upright and Enjoy Intimacy with the LORD |
| Are Wicked and Cursed by the LORD | Are Righteous and Blessed by the LORD |
| Are Scoffers Who Receive Scoffing from the LORD | Are Humble and Receive Grace from the LORD |
| Are Foolish and Shameful Before the LORD | Are Wise and Glorified Before the LORD |

#5 The Heart of the Problem Is the _____: **Surrender Your Turf to the LORD!**

"This is MY neighborhood!" – Don Fanucci, Godfather Part 2

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

| THE NEIGHBOR NEAR YOU! | | ANYONE AROUND YOU! | |
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| 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 My TURF, "I don't have to share!" | My My TURF, "I'm getting what I want." | My My TURF, "I'm right; you're wrong." | My My TURF, "I'll secure my rights by force." |

Be Wise: Surrender Your Turf and Trust in the Lord to Love Your Neighbor More and More!

- Ask the Lord to search your heart.
- Be open to His rebuke or being corrected by others.
- Be teachable to that correction.
- Stay focused on where you need to grow – not where your "neighbor" needs to grow!
- Realize we all fall short and need to be more loving.

*"And this I pray, that your **love may abound still more and more** in real knowledge and all discernment,"* *Philippians 1:9*

*"and may the Lord cause **you to increase and abound in love** for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;"* *1Thessalonians 3:12*

*"Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. **But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,**"* *1Thessalonians 4:9-10*

"You can't have too much love. You can have too much criticism, too much harshness, too much sternness. You can have too much anger and even too much sadness. But you can't have too much love." – Jared C. Wilson