

How to Be a Neighbor

Judas has just left the room:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:34-35 NASB

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” 1 John 4:7-9

Our struggle:

Our desire to be like them is _____ than our desire to be like Him.

Dr. Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - "Lostness in North America is having a bigger impact on Southern Baptists than Southern Baptists are having on lostness. Put another way: The world is having a bigger impact on the behavior of Southern Baptists than we are having on the behavior of the world. In addition to the decline in baptisms, we are down in membership, down in worship attendance, and down in Bible Study attendance,"

- God battles with athletics, academics, career, family, recreation, and leisure for our time, affection, and devotion...

Answer:

Be _____ - made in His image, for His pleasure (Phil. 2:13)

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing

away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:15-17

Nearness is likeness. — A.W. Tozer

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."
John 12:32 (also see James 4:8, Hebrews 4:16)

"...In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11