

Would you class yourself as a good neighbour?

Do you actually know your next-door neighbours?

Are they doing well in life or are they struggling?

Have you offered to help them at all?

Can you help them?

Will you help them?

Know this, next time you see your neighbour, they will have read this booklet also. *Maybe you'll even talk about it?*

I've moved house several times in my life, and I know what it's like to live next to 'good' neighbours and 'bad' neighbours.

Even though I don't know you personally, you are actually my neighbour according to the Bible, so much so, that I love and care for you enough to tell you the truth.

What is the truth?

The Bible says that '...the truth is in Jesus:' Ephesians 4v21.

Jesus said Himself... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14v6.

Well 'neighbour', the truth is this... you and I are walking along life's pathway, and somewhere down the line, death awaits us both. **And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:** Hebrews 9v27. We don't know when, so we need to prepare for that day **now**.

Heaven and Hell await us, and it all depends upon what we have done with Jesus Christ, as to where we will spend eternity; either received Him as our Lord and Saviour, or rejected Him? I received Him as my Saviour on May 4th 1989 and it was the best decision I have ever made in life.

We have all sinned against God, and in order to go to Heaven, we must have our sins forgiven by Jesus Christ, as He alone is the only one who can wash away all of our sins.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1v14.

...I declare unto you the gospel... how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ... he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15v1-4.

You cannot work or earn a place in Heaven... For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2v8+9.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20v15.

So neighbour, what are you going to do with the truth that you have just read, believe it and receive it, or reject it? Remember, what you do with the truth will determine where you go when you die.

What's stopping you from doing what I did, believing it and becoming a Christian, knowing that you have all your sins not only forgiven, but washed clean away?

Question – What is the meaning of life?

Answer – To have your sins forgiven and be reconciled to God.

Question – What is the purpose of life?

Answer – To walk with God, have fellowship with Him, enjoy His presence and serve Him daily. Do this, and everything else in life will fall into place.

We're neighbours, let's talk about deep and important things, rather than the usual superficial stuff so often spoken about today; we really do live in a shallow world don't we?

I want nothing from you, only to know that your sins have been forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are going to Heaven when you die, or when the Rapture happens (ask me about that!)

If you would like to talk further, please contact either the person who gave you this booklet, or contact myself, who wrote it (john@timefortruth.co.uk).

Do you remember reading this at school...?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise**. Luke 10v27-37.

Here are a few more interesting verses from the Bible about 'neighbours'...

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20v16+17. Are you jealous of your neighbour in any way?

The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends. He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Proverbs 14v20+21. Do you look after those who haven't as much as you have?

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee. Proverbs 25v17. *Are you sensitive to this situation?*

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off. Proverbs 27v10. Are you always there for your neighbour?

Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 19v19. *Do you?*

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12v30+31. If only we all lived like this, what a different world it would be.

Lastly...

Should you try harder with your neighbours?

Maybe they do need some help but are too proud to ask?

May we all treat those around us as our neighbours, and love and care more for one another.

Too many people are too selfish and don't care these days; let's all try to make a difference starting today.

The further you stray away from the King James Bible, the worse things become. Have you read it? It's the best-selling book of all time.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Proverbs 3v5-13.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9v10.

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, <u>And who is my neighbour?</u> Luke 10v29.

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1 John 3V17.

...That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 John 4221.



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