

# sermonnotes

## Art of Neighboring: Part 2



Jesus summarized what the greatest value is with two phrases—love God and love your neighbor. If we are not careful, we can take the most important teaching of Jesus and turn it into a catchy phrase instead of living it.

### Romans 12:9–10

We know we should love our neighbors, but there are two main obstacles that keep us from connecting with the people next door.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_

- “Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time and time is one thing hurried people don’t have.”  
—John Ortberg
- Lessons from Martha (Luke 10:38–42)
  - Make the main thing, the main thing.
  - Eliminate the time \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

- Fear of the unknown and fear of rejection can keep people hiding in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their home.
- “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline.” —2 Timothy 1:7
- Example of Israel (Numbers 13:31–33)
  - Fear distorts our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Fear \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - Fear causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ to safety.
- Following Jesus is not safe. Safety is a natural desire, but it can keep us from being like Jesus.

Answers: Time Barrier; stealers; interruptible; Feal Factor; safety; perspective; paralyzes; retreat



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