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Art of Neighboring: Part 3

“The entire law is summed up in a single command: Love your neighbor as yourself.”—Galatians 5:14

When it comes to neighboring, knowing where to start is sometimes the hardest step. In moving from theory to practice, we can sometimes become immobilized trying to figure out what to do.

Our goal is to move from
stranger > acquaintance > relationship.

Luke 5:27–32

- Levi was encountered by Jesus and it _____ his life.
- Levi took the _____ to invite his neighbors and friends using a common need—food.
- The first _____ recorded in the New Testament happened because Levi hung out with people far from God.

Moving from Theory to Practice

1. Embrace the _____ and take the first step. (Matthew 14:28–30)
 - When we are willing to trust God and move in obedience, doors of opportunity will open.
2. Know that small _____ can lead to greater opportunity. (John 6:5–12)
 - It’s simple—just share what you love to do. Make small steps. Give the little you have, and watch God do the miracles.
3. Be aware of _____ because motive matters.
 - We don’t love our neighbors to convert them; we love our neighbors because we are _____.
4. Practice the _____.
 - “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”
—Matthew 7:12

Good neighboring is about helping create a sense of community where life is shared, people are affirmed, and love is experienced.

Answers: changed; initiative; block party; risk; sacrifices; motive; converted; Golden Rule

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