

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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Last in the series:

*Life is God's Gift to You-*  
*WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD*

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

We have presented six moral imperatives essential to living a godly life over the past couple of months. These are: *Victory Over Anger, Sexual Purity, Faithfulness in marriage, Truthfulness, Selflessness*, and the final one, which really precludes all the rest, *Love*. When asked which of the Ten Commandments was the greatest, Jesus replied:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor [others] as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these” [Mark 12:29-31].

*Twenty years ago I lost my father--after his long battle with Alzheimer's disease--the week before the All-Pro Kiss Series at the old 5/8 mile track in Nashville. I was in no condition to be racing. Probably due to a lapse of concentration, I smacked into the back stretch wall considerably damaging the car. To my surprise, nearly every racer there that night offered to help patch the car enough that I could finish the race. But I realized that I had no business driving that night, so we just loaded the car and watched the rest of the event.*

*Here were racers without hesitation offering their time to a stranger from out of state to repair that car. They were showing the love Jesus was talking about to me at a time when I really needed it...Natz*

Racers, generally, have good hearts. It is not uncommon to find them putting others first—at least off the track. Many times we have witnessed racers coming to the aid of another racer in need. In the Tampa area an organization called **Racers helping Racers** helps the families of racers injured while participating in their sport.

As great as these good deeds are, even the best intentions aren't enough to secure a spot in God's amazing heaven. God has stated the rules in the Bible and they'll never change: Only those who have truly invited Jesus, God's only son, to be their own Lord and Savior will enter heaven.

You will find that the six ingredients of a God honoring life are a lot easier to live by when Jesus is in your heart. Please make time to thank God for the gift of life He has given you. Say **thank you** by giving Him something back—your life, well lived for Him!