



LOVE... WHERE YOU LIVE

THE ART OF **NEIGHBORING**

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1 Peter 1:13-21

... ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ...

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...²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:13-21

Mrs. Turpin: "There's no trash around here that I haven't given to. And I break my back every day working, and I do for the church..."

Flannery O'Connor | Revelation

Mary Grace: "Go back to hell,
you old warthog."

Flannery O'Connor | Revelation



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Christian holiness is **belonging to God.**



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"God does not approve of intellectual slackers any more than he approves of any other kind of slacker."

C.S. Lewis

"to gird up the loins of your mind"

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1 Peter 1:14

"The one infallible test of our holiness will be the humility before God and men which marks us. Jesus the Holy One is the humble one; *the holiest will ever be the humblest.*"

Andrew Murray | Humility



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1 Peter 1:18-19

"That night, as I sat down to write the letter again, I knew that what I wrote had the power to determine my future. I just needed to decide what kind of future I wanted to have. I had a clear choice between happiness or suffering, the Party or Jesus, freedom or prison, the world or heaven—eternal death or eternal life. ...

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... I couldn't eat or sleep. I knelt down before the Lord and began to pray. After a short time of prayer, I stood up, determined to write what I must. What was I debating? I had already decided to follow Jesus and had no intention of turning back. ...

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... As I began to pray again, I felt Jesus standing by my side, and suddenly a couple of Scripture verses came to me. God laid these words from the Song of Solomon on my heart:

"Love is as powerful as death; passion is as strong as death itself. It bursts into flame and burns like a raging fire. Water cannot put it out; no flood can drown it." ...

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... In that moment, I was empowered to make my decision. I said, "Jesus, You are all that matters to me. You matter most in life. How can I do anything other than choose you?"

The following morning, I handed in my note. I ended it with, "I stand with Jesus Christ—how great is the salvation that He has brought; nothing can compare to it."

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