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PREJUDICE

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PARTIALITY

WHY?

SELF SEEKING

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Maybe I will be honoured if I honour this person. Maybe i can get into their good books, if I can talk to them. Maybe this girl will like me if I pay more attention to her.

Chinese New Year at 10 Downing Street

John 12:43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

INSECURITY

I am not worthy to speak to this person.

They deserve better because they are better people.

J. I. Packer

Alexander Chow, who am I to speak to this person. How great and powerful is this person. What right do I have.

“Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

HATE

1. Looking down on humanity. Counting someone else, just not worthwhile, not even human. Hate And that can come from experience, that can come from culture.

Luke 10:25-37

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Fight

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

Love your neighbour.

As so eloquently put yesterday

“This way of love, it is the way of life. he died to save us all. He didn't die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He wasn't getting anything out of it. He sacrificed his life for the good of others, for the well-being of the world, for us. That's what love is.”

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JAMES 2:12-13

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