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Lev.19,18: *“Love your neighbour as yourself; I am the LORD.”*

Hebr.13,1-2: *“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*

It is salutary to be reminded that love of one's neighbour is tied to the Lordship of God. John in his 1st epistle ch.2 verse 4: *“Whoever says, ‘I know him’, but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.”*

It is also true, therefore, that the difficulties I have with this command (when I find I don't and/or cannot do towards brothers and sisters and strangers what love requires) is tied to the fact that lordship in my life functionally still belongs to self and self-love.

The way to love is through the lordship of Christ, which is by grace through the forgiveness of our sins. *“Whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”* (Lk.7,47)