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Jesus tells us above all to love. If we can follow this then the rest of the laws will fall into place. I see this is the nursing home all the time. Even when they are not hospice patients I stop and say hi. Pray with them treat them like a person. Allowing them to know someone loves them still. Jesus told us to. When tested by the keepers of the law they asked him what is the greatest commandment?

Matthew 22:37-40 New International Version

37 Jesus replied: ""Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

So first and foremost, we love God. Afterall God created all. If we can show Him love, then we are halfway there. We are taught by Him how to love, and we love Him in return. But Jesus says more, the second law is to love your neighbor as yourself. Who is our neighbor? Only people like us? Only ones in our city or block. No, Jesus says everyone is our neighbor. As a matter of fact, he takes it one step further:

Matthew 5:44 New International Version

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Wow I got to love those who hate me? Even Jesus did this while hanging on the cross dyeing, he said God forgive them for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34). For we love everyone! We need to remember this in the nursing home. I stop and talk to anyone. Pray with anyone, I don't ask what denomination are you? Do you believe in God? Are you like me? No, I love them as Jesus loved me!

John 13:34-35 New International Version

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

We love everyone,

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