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Americans believe in self-determined purpose, identity, and morality.

***Secularism*** – purpose, identity, morality are ***determined*** by me

***Christianity*** – purpose, identity, morality are ***discovered*** in God

# The Teleological Argument

Human beings (just like toasters) have a purpose (telos) they were designed for.



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## Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees with His reply, they met together to question Him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap Him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”



**Love is ultimate reality. When you do anything for any other purpose than love of God and neighbor, you are living against your design and chaos will be released in your body, mind, relationships, and world.**

# Jesus' is quoting from the OT

- Love God w/every part of you – Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Love neighbor as yourself – Leviticus 19:18



## Lev 19:13-18

“Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “Do not make your hired workers wait until the next day to receive their pay. “Do not insult the deaf or cause the blind to stumble. You must fear your God; I am the Lord. “Do not twist justice in legal matters by favoring the poor or being partial to the rich and powerful. Always judge people fairly. “Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. “Do not stand idly by when your neighbor’s life is threatened. I am the Lord.



## Lev 19:13-18

“Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives. Confront people directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin. “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.



## Luke 10:25-29

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking Him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” The man answered, “ ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied with a story ...



# What does biblical neighbor love look like?

- Justice for the marginalized
- Benevolence for the enemy
- Compassion for the stranger



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<p>The Great Command – Love</p>	<p>Luke 10:25-37</p>	<p>Love ... to the Samaritan!</p>
<p>The Great Commission – Witness</p>	<p>Acts 1:8 + Mt 28:19-20</p>	<p>Jesus ... to the world!</p>



## Mt 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



- 2015 - \$230,197	- 2020 - \$1,599,592
- 2016 - \$311,939	- 2021 - \$1,723,210
- 2017 - \$797,305	- 2022 - \$1,781,777
- 2018 - \$1,045,531	- 2023 - \$2,068,444
- 2019 - \$1,207,908	- 2024 - \$_____



# 2025 Love the Ville' Pressing Need - Immigration

Jesus said, "For I was a stranger, and you invited Me in ... when you did it to one of the least of these, My brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me."



- According to U.S. State Department, in 2023, Louisville was third behind Houston and Atlanta for the number of refugees coming to the city
- 8.34% of Jefferson County residents were born outside the US
- Jefferson County is a top 10 county in US for number of people from Cuba, Congo, and Somalia
- Between 2010 and 2020, Louisville experienced a 71.3% increase in Hispanics (over 3x national rate), a 62.3% increase in Asian-Americans (150% national rate), and a 10% increase in African-Americans



# Diversity Index

-Worthington Hills: 68%

-Fincastle: 68%

-Worthington-Springhurst: 58%

-Ballardsville 55%



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## Mt 10:29-31

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.



## Mt 12:11-12

“If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn’t you work to pull it out? Of course you would. And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath.”



## Mt 21:12-15

Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!” The blind and the lame came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them.



## 1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.



# 1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and His love is brought to full expression in us.



Mt. 22:37

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