

## Let's Live Like This

*Surprised and  
overjoyed!*

HERMEZ – Middle East

It was Sunday and when I woke up I asked Jesus to enlighten me on how to love throughout that day. Then I realized that my parents had gone to Mass and that there was no one at home, so I got the idea of tidying up the house and cleaning it. I tried to take care of every detail, even putting flowers on the table in the living room!

I finished quickly and I still had some time, so I started to prepare breakfast, setting the table nicely. When my parents got home, they were surprised and very happy at what they found! That Sunday we were all so full of joy, as never before, and while we had breakfast, we chatted about so many things and I shared with them many experiences that I had lived during the week.

**That small act of love had given a beautiful "tone" to the whole day!**



**I COMMIT TO:**

**PUT MYSELF**

**IN THE OTHER  
PERSON'S SHOES**

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**«Love your neighbor as yourself»**

*(Mark 12:31)*

When Jesus said this, he was answering a question of a scribe - a scholar of the Bible - who asked him what is **the greatest commandment of all**.

His response pointed out that love should be at the center in our life. In fact, he says there is just one commandment, with two sides: **love God and love your neighbor**.

**Love of neighbor is a proof of how much we love God.**

To love our neighbor as ourselves should reach the point of **loving the other person as he or she wants to be loved, not as we would like to love them**.

Do you like it if someone take time to listen to you, help you review an assignment, let you play on a team, or even clean your house? **Perhaps that other person has similar needs**. We have to know how to discover them, by **being attentive, adopting a sincere attitude of listening and thinking of what they would like**.

**“I try to put myself in the other person’s shoes and act accordingly.”**

This is the meaning of the **“Golden Rule”** that we find in all religions and even in the great teachers of secular culture.

**If we were all truly aware of loving our neighbors as ourselves, not doing to others what we would not like done to us, and doing to others what we would like them to do for us, then there would be no more war on earth, corruption would disappear, universal brotherhood would no longer be a utopian dream, and a civilization of love would soon become a reality!!**

**“Share my experience of how I live the Golden Rule”**