



DO I HAVE TO BE NICE TO EVERYONE? EVEN MY ENEMIES?



#309 What is charity?

Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves. Jesus places love above all laws, without however abolishing the latter. Therefore St. Augustine rightly says, "Love, and do what you will." Which is not at all as easy as it sounds. That is why charity, love, is the greatest virtue, the energy that inspires all the other virtues and fills them with divine life.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

St Damien of Molokai

Damien joined the Sacred Hearts Fathers in 1860 and was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was ordained a priest. For the next nine years he worked in missions on the big island, Hawaii. When he was 33 years old, he went to the leper colony on Molokai, after volunteering for the assignment. After sixteen years caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, he eventually caught the disease himself. He is considered a "martyr of charity". He died when he was 49 years old, and Pope John Paul II beatified him on June 4, 1995.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" . – Luke 15:1-32

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
