

Genuine Love for God and Neighbor

Luke 10:25 - 42

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A lawyer seeks to “trap” Jesus

■ **Luke 10:25 - 26**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”



The lawyer identifies the commands to love God and neighbor as essential

■ **Luke 10:27**

And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”



"Who is my neighbor?"

■ Luke 10:28, 29

And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"



An unidentifiable man in need

■ Luke 10:30

Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead."



Respected religious leaders avoid the crime victim

■ Luke 10:31, 32

And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

 A socio-religious outcast takes action

■ **Luke 10:33, 34**

"But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him."

 A socio-religious outcast takes action

■ **Luke 10:35**

On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you."

 Contrasting Responses

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| ■ Priest | ■ Levite | ■ Samaritan |
| Comes | Comes | Comes |
| Sees | Sees | Sees |
| Goes | Goes | Takes Action |



The Samaritan made up for the failures of the priest and Levite, and now the robbers

■ Robbers ■ Samaritan

Rob

Pay

Leave him to die

Leaves to be cared for

Abandon him

Promises to return



Greek: "YOU do likewise"

■ Luke 10:36, 37

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

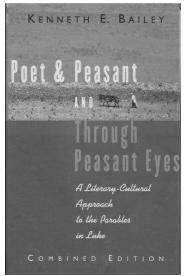
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"Who can be saved?"

■ **Luke 18:25-27**

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."



Mary takes the posture of a disciple

■ **Luke 10:38, 39**

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.



Martha is “drawn off”

■ **Luke 10:40**

But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”



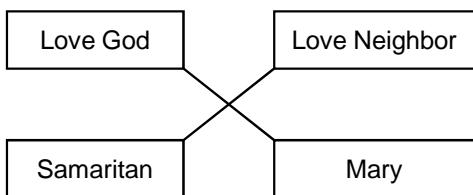
Showing hospitality takes a lower priority to discipleship

■ **Luke 10:41, 42**

But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”



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Applications and Implications

- 1) Faith works through love
- 2) The inadequacies of our works should drive us to God who alone can change us
- 3) To become a lover of God and neighbor we must hear Jesus' words and act on them



- 1) Faith works through love

■ **Galatians 5:6**

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.



- 1) Faith works through love

■ **1Peter 1:8**

and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,



- 2) The inadequacies of our works should drive us to God who alone can change us

■ **Luke 15:18, 19**

I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”



- 2) The inadequacies of our works should drive us to God who alone can change us

■ **Luke 15:32**

“But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”



- 3) To become a lover of God and neighbor we must hear Jesus' words and act on them

■ **Luke 11:27, 28**

While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.” But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”



- 3) To become a lover of God and neighbor we must hear Jesus' words and act on them

■ **James 2:14**

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?



- 3) To become a lover of God and neighbor we must hear Jesus' words and act on them

■ **James 2:15 - 17**

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.