

The Heart Of Jesus Is The Heart For Our Neighbors!

The Heart Of Jesus, Pt.3

Luke 10:25–37

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Luke 10:25, *On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”* ²⁶*“What is written in the Law?” He replied. “How do you read it?”* ²⁷*He answered, “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* ²⁸*“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”* ²⁹*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*

The Heart Of Jesus:

- Jesus Said, You Cannot Separate Your Love For God And Your Love For Your **NEIGHBOR!**
- The Expert In The Law Wanted To Narrow The Definition Of Neighbor In Order To Justify His **INACTION!**

Who Is My Neighbor:

Luke 10:30, *In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when*

I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

- **The Priest: An Excuse-Filled And PIOUS HEART**
- **The Levite: A Callous And BUSY HEART**
- **The Samaritan: A CHRIST-LIKE HEART**

Key Point: There is a big difference between knowing the law and practicing it in our lifestyle and conduct!

The Probing Question:

Luke 10:36, *“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”* ³⁷*The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*

- **Hurry And Selfishness Prevent Us From HELPING**

Micah 6:8, *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

James 4:17, *If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

Hebrews 10:24, *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...*

Colossians 3:17, *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

James 2:26, *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

Putting This Story Into Practice:

- Make a list of broken people in your life.

- Do you tend to distance yourself from them because of their brokenness? Or do you engage more with them?
- What is one thing you could do for your neighbors this week to be their good Samaritan?