

Living Like the Good Samaritan is a Great Way to Live

Luke 10:25-37

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Luke 10:25-37, 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?"

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. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He 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. ³⁵ The 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.'

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."

Talkers

Talkers - Experts of the Law

- "Never miss a good chance to shut up."
- Will Rogers
- "I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say."
- Calvin Coolidge
- "If you have nothing to say, say nothing."
- Mark Twain

Takers

Takers - Thieves

- "Some people are like black holes. They take all the light and give nothing back."
- Anonymous
- "Stop giving your time and energy to the "takers" in your life. The world is full of amazing givers; go find them."
- Gary Vaynerchuk

Keepers

Keepers - Religious Leaders

- "You can only lose by what you cling to. I suppose in the end, the whole of life becomes an act of letting go."
- Yann Martel, *Life of Pi*

Givers

Givers - Good Samaritan

- "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"
- Martin Luther King Jr.

- “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
– Winston Churchill
- “No one has ever become poor by giving.”
– Anne Frank
- “Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness”
– Martin Luther King, Jr.
- “If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else.”
– Chinese Proverb

10 Enemies of Generosity

1. Fear of Lack – I don’t have enough for me.
2. Fear of Future – I don’t know what’s ahead.
3. Fear of Inadequacy – I don’t have what it takes.
4. Greed – I don’t believe I need to give what’s mine.
5. Selfishness – I don’t want to focus on others.
6. Materialism – I don’t want to give what I’ve accomplished.
7. Obligation – I don’t want to feel pressured.
8. Trust – I don’t think I can believe in confidence.
9. Lack of Empathy – I don’t care.
10. Comfort – I don’t want to move out of my life of ease.

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. *Experts*
2. *Thieves*
3. *Religious*
4. *Samaritan*