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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?"*

30 *In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of 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, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins 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."*

## Winning the Game when You are Playing For Keeps

Matthew 22:37 *Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'*

38 *This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* 40 *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

1. Love God

2. Love people

## What does it mean to love people?

1. Loving people is the outflow of loving God.

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2. Practice intentional acts of kindness

The priest and Levite are described with two verbs.

The Samaritan is described with 14 verbs!

3. Live within a margin of generosity

The good Samaritan lives within a margin of time.

The good Samaritan lives within a margin of money.

4. Loving people extends to loving our enemies

Luke 6:35 *But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.*