

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: 'The Good Samaritan'

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(Luke 10:25-37)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are about JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word. In Luke 10, some expert stood up to test Jesus and to try to justify himself. So Jesus told a parable about a man in need and asked the expert, Which one was a neighbor to the man who fell among thieves?, surfaces three basic, life attitudes:

I. The robbers: What's yours is mine (10:30) A. Jacob stole Esau's blessing (Gen. 27) B. Ahab stole Naboth's vineyard (I Kings 21) C. David stole Uriah's wife (2 Sam. 11)

II. The religious: What's mine is mine (10:31-32)

A. The rich young ruler (Mt. 19:16f) B. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
C. The rich fool (Lk. 12:16f)

III. The right one: What's mine is yours (10:33-35)

A. Barnabas gave his field (Acts 4:36-37) B. A widow gave her all (Lk. 21:1-4) C. David insisted on giving of his own (2 Sam. 24:24)

CONCLUSION

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5), Who gave Himself entirely to the will and the ways of God. Our attitudes reveal the condition of our heart. Don't settle for anything less than the right attitude! Jesus concludes this parable by commanding each of us: Go and do likewise (Luke 10:37)!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week is Titus 3:4, But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. Read today's Bible text, Luke 10:25-37. What does this tell you about JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke? According to Jesus' teaching, who is your 'neighbor'?

1. Today's Bible study surfaces three attitudes of the heart. Which of the three is

most descriptive of you? Explain. Are you satisfied with your attitude? Why, or

why not?

2. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F I earned it; it's all mine and nobody else's.

T F I don't have much so I keep what I have.

T F I don't have as much as some others and it's not fair.

T F I don't have enough to allow me to be generous.

T F All I possess is temporarily entrusted to manage for God's glory.

T F One day I will give an account for how I manage what I possess.

T F I like giving.

T F I'm on earth to help others in Jesus' name.

T F What's yours is mine if I can figure a way to get it.

T F What's mine is mine.

3. After we surfaced three attitudes from this Parable of the Good Samaritan, we

studied three examples of each attitude in people of the Bible.
Of the nine

examples, which do you find most striking? Why?

4. Do people think of you as a good neighbor? Available to help when a need has arisen? How can you be sure? Who, specifically, have you helped lately? Who are you helping now? Who will you help today? Tomorrow?
5. How does Jesus portray religious people in His parable (10:31-32)? What is the lesson for us?
6. Five-hundred years ago, Martin Luther said, 'Possessions belong in your hand, not in your heart.' Are you holding what you possess in your hand, or in your heart? How can you be sure? How much does this matter? Why?
7. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?
8. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: