

**Memory Verse:**

***"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

***Romans 6:23 / ESV***



What does it mean to be self-righteous?

*\*Stay on point of the questions provided*

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**Parable Of The Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9 Matthew 21:18-22):**

**Luke 10:25-37 / CSB,** Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** "What is written in the law?" he asked him. "How do you read it?" **27** He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself." **28** "You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live." **29** But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus took up the question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. **34** He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day<sup>[b]</sup> he took out two denarii,<sup>[c]</sup> gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.' **36** "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

**There are two overarching lessons:**

- (1) Self-righteousness is fouls gold
- (2) Selfless acts of kindness invite God's approval

## **Application:**

- 1. You can know the right answers but still lack the right attitude 25-29**
- 2. Failure is linked to doing what is wrong and refusing to do what is right. 30-32**
- 3. Love reveals its authenticity through actions, even when it's inconvenient 33-37**

## **Discussion Questions:**



- 1. What does the lawyer's question ("What must I do to inherit eternal life?") reveal about how he views salvation?*
- 2. Why would the priest and Levite—religious leaders—refuse to help?*
- 3. What specific actions show the Samaritan's love is costly and sacrificial?*
- 4. How does this parable reveal our need for grace and salvation?*
- 5. What does it show about the difference between true and false righteousness?*