

## Helping Our Neighbor

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### Introduction

1. Luke 10:25-37
2. The lawyer tempted Jesus
  - a. Lawyer was one who interpreted the law
  - b. His intentions were to entrap Jesus; catch Him in denying or contradicting the law
3. The question of “what shall I do to inherit eternal life” is still a good one today also found in Matthew 19:19
  - a. It was not to know the truth
4. Answered
  - a. How do you read What does the Bible say
  - b. All ought to come to the same answer
  - c. Asked this question to see his understanding of the Scriptures
5. The lawyer asked the next question to justify himself but Jesus answers it verse 29
6. Some point from our lesson today
  - a. Who we are to love
  - b. Who is my neighbor
  - c. How do treat my neighbor which will answer our objective of our lesson topic

### III Discussion

1. Who are we to love?
  - a. We are to love God
    - i. Found in Deuteronomy 6:3
    - ii. This was one of three sections place within the phylacteries (Matthew 23:5; Deuteronomy 6:8; Exodus 13:16)
    - iii. This love is in the future tense which means it is ongoing, nothing to do with duration.
    - iv. With all our heart the seat of man – give up; do or suffer anything to please and glorify Him, hope, heart, desire
    - v. With all our soul the life of man – give up comfort
    - vi. With all our strength the physical man - might
    - vii. With all our mind the understanding of man
    - viii. This is not just for the preacher
    - ix. John 14:15, 31; 15:10; 3:16; 1 John 4:20; 5:2-3; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
  - b. We are to love self
    - i. Man is to love wife as self Ephesians 5:28
    - ii. Is it wrong to love self? Luke 9:23; 12:16-21; Matthew 10:37-39
    - iii. We are told how to love our wife Ephesians 5 or husband and even children Titus 2
    - iv. We are told what love is I Corinthians 13 (same word verb and noun)
    - v. This maybe the reason we do not love our neighbor correctly, we do not know how to love ourselves correctly Colossians 3:10-15; Philippians 2:5
  - c. We are to love our neighbor
    - i. Matthew 5:43-44 shows a misunderstanding of the passages of Scriptures
    - ii. Leviticus 19:18 is the passage quoted; not placed within the Phylacteries
    - iii. Neighbor is listed 107 times in the Bible
    - iv. This part is found several times in the New Testament

- v. Love seeks best in body, social, mental, and spiritual needs Taylor Romans
  - vi. Prevents all fraud, injustice, oppression, falsehood, adultery, murder, theft and covetousness against one is near.
2. Who is my neighbor verse 29
- a. Could it be that our definition is too restrictive?
    - i. Brother
    - ii. Wife
    - iii. Children
    - iv. One who is in need
  - b. Notice who asked and who answered
  - c. Notice verse 36, who asked and who answered
  - d. The question is answered by noticing the two answers
    - i. The one who had compassion Verse 33
    - ii. The one who showed mercy, did not say the Samaritan
3. How do I treat my neighbor?
- a. **He had compassion Verse 33**
    - i. **The compassion is the same word that is used when Jesus saw the multitudes and individuals that were suffering**
  - b. **He had mercy Verse 37**
    - i. **If we want to obtain mercy we must show mercy Matthew 5:7**
  - c. **In The time of distress, illness, death, loss of job, loss of faith**
  - d. I do not lie about my neighbor Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20;
    - i. **I will talk about good things to and with my neighbor Ephesians 4:15, 29; Colossians 4:6**
  - e. I do not lie about me neighbor in things to keep, fellowship, taken by violence; I do not deceive him nor do I lie about things lost to him Leviticus 6:2
  - f. I do not defraud or rob him Leviticus 19:13
  - g. I do not give him to drink Habakkuk 2:15
    - i. **I will give him a drink of cold water Matthew 10:42**
    - ii. **I will give him the proper thing to drink John 4:9-14**
  - h. **I do please my brothers Romans 15:2; Yet Galatians 1:10 limits that**
    - i. I will not work ill toward my brother Romans 13:9-10
      - i. I will work good toward him
    - j. I will not bite and devour my neighbor Galatians 5:13-15
    - k. I will not despise him James 2:5-8
      - i. I will treat him with honor and respect