

Spiritual Resolutions: Loving My Neighbor

Leviticus 19:18 ❖ Luke 10:25-37

Monday to Saturday is the test of Sunday.

Neighbors

A true story from West Tennessee Veterans' Cemetery ...

What is the common denominator in these laws from Leviticus 19?

"Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him."

"Judge your neighbor fairly."

"Don't do anything that endangers your neighbor's life."

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Who **are** the people in your neighborhood?

According to the Bible, "neighbor" doesn't refer only to those who live **near** you. It also refers to **anyone** with whom you come into contact.

A Question

In Luke 10:25, who asked Jesus the question?

Why did he ask Jesus the question?

What was the question and what was wrong with it?

The answer he gave was correct - "love **God** and love your **neighbor** as yourself" (Lk 10:27). That's how the Lord wants us to "**live**" (v. 28), but we don't have to "**do** anything to inherit eternal life" (v. 25).

"It is by grace you have been saved through faith - and this is **not** from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God - not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

The real question was: "**who** is my neighbor?" (v. 29)

Where was the man in the parable going?

What happened to him?

Which two religious leaders "passed by on the other side" (vv. 31-32)?

Who didn't "pass by on the other side" and what did he do to help the man?

Jesus asked, "Which of these three do you think was a **neighbor** to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had **mercy** on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do **likewise**" (vv. 36-37).

If we retold the parable today:

Where might it take place?

Who might the characters be?

Who would we pass by? Who **have** we passed by?

Takeaway

"They'll know we are Christians by our **love**."

What are some practical steps to take to help us love our neighbors?

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- 2)
- 3)

"With deeds of **love** and **mercy** the heavenly Kingdom comes."

