



**KINGDOM
COME**

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your strength & with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, & you will live.”

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:25-29

A Changed Heart: Stops Looking for Limits

- **The Right Question can come from the Wrong Heart!**
 - **Lawyer Asks: “What Shall I do to Inherit Eternal Life?”**
 - **Jesus Answers: “What does the Law Say?”**
- **He Knows the Scriptures:**
 - **Love God w/ All You Are – Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength**
 - **Love Your Neighbor as Yourself**

It's NOT the Question or the Knowledge - it is the Heart!

- **“Desiring to Justify Himself.” - “Who is My neighbor?”**

**---He's Looking for a Boundary ---
Jesus Refuses to Give Him One**

“If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed”
- 1 Corinthians 16:22

“And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ & love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, & God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”
- 1 John 3:23-24

If you have NO love for God – You do NOT have Eternal Life

“If I give away all I have, & if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing”
- 1 Corinthians 13:3

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, b/c we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.” –1 John 3:14

If you have NO love for People – You do NOT have Eternal Life

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, & he fell among robbers, who stripped him & beat him & departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, & when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place & saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, & when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luke 10:30-32

A Changed Heart: Learns to See Differently

- **The 3 Encounter the Same Wounded Man**
 - **The Priest, The Levite, & The Samaritan Saw Him**
- **Compassion Sees What Others Walk Past**
 - **“...When He Saw Him, He had Compassion”**

ἐσπλαγχνίσθη (esplagchnisthē) “he was moved with compassion.”

He Doesn't Simply Recognize the Man's Suffering
He Allows the Man's Suffering to Interrupt His Life

REMEMBER THE ORIGINAL QUESTION:

“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

It was NOT – Exchange this Law for that Law...

It was Exchanging Law for Love!

“Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ & not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the Law, I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me & gave Himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the Law, then Christ died for no purpose.”

- Galatians 2:16-21

34 He went to him & bound up his wounds, pouring on oil & wine. Then he set him on his own animal & brought him to an inn & took care of him.

35 And the next day he took out two denarii & gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, & whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Luke 10:34-35

A Changed Heart: Turns Compassion Into Action

- Compassion Costs Us Something!
- The Samaritan:
 - Went To Him
 - Bound His Wounds
 - Poured On Oil And Wine
 - Put Him On His Own Animal
 - Brought Him To An Inn
 - Took Care Of Him
 - Paid For His Continued Care
- The Samaritan Gave His Time, Attention, Comfort, Resources, & Money.

Following Jesus means our lives aren't organized around protecting our comfort & we become increasingly willing to let someone else's need interrupt our plans!

“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

When Christ Becomes Our Treasure, Comfort No Longer Has To Be Our King.

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

**³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”
And Jesus said to him, “You go, & do likewise.”**

Luke 10:36-37

A Changed Heart: Loves & Lives Likewise

• The Lawyer:

- “Who is my neighbor?”
- Who qualifies as my neighbor?
- The Samaritan: *“The one who showed mercy.”*
- **Action Outside:** Eleos, representing active love & kindness

• Jesus:

- “Which of these three proved to be a neighbor?”
- Are you willing to become a neighbor?
- The Samaritan: *“He saw him & had compassion.”*
- **Feeling Inside:** splachnizomai, a deep physical ache for someone

“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” **- Leviticus 19:18**

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.” **- Philippians 2:3-5**

Not: “Know Likewise.”

Not: “Talk About Likewise.”

Not: “Admire Others Likewise.”

Go: “Do Likewise.”

1. Examine Your Heart:

Am I looking for limits, or opportunities to love?

2. Open Your Eyes:

Who around me is hurting that I've been walking past?

3. Let Compassion Interrupt Comfort:

What need am I avoiding because it costs me comfort?

4. Go — Love & Live Likewise:

What am I going to do about it?

