

Christian & His Neighbor

Lk. 10:25-37

Mt. 22:34-40

Our “Neighbor”

- ▶ Our Neighbor - Someone who:
- ▶ Lives Next Door
- ▶ Across the Street
- ▶ On the Same Block
- ▶ Someone we Know
- ▶ Could our neighbor be...Anyone we come into Contact?

2nd Greatest Commandment

- ▶ The Jewish leaders had put emphasis upon such commands as:
 - ▶ Law of the Sabbath
 - ▶ Law of Circumcision
 - ▶ Law of Wearing Phylacteries.
- ▶ The Talmud had listed 613 Laws in the Old Covenant.
 - ▶ 365 negative laws.
 - ▶ 248 affirmative laws.
- ▶ Jesus summed up all of these laws in One Statement...
- ▶ **Love your Neighbor as yourself. (Mat. 22:39, Mk. 12:31)**

OT Teachings on Love

- ▶ Lev. 19:13—“You shall not defraud your neighbor, nor rob him.”
- ▶ Lev. 19:17—“You shall not hate your brother in your heart.”
- ▶ Lev. 19:16—“You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people.”
- ▶ Lev. 19:15—“You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment.”
- ▶ Lev. 19:18—“You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**”
- ▶ Exo. 20:17—“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, wife, manservants, maidservants, ox, ass, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

The Good Samaritan

- ▶ Lk. 10:30-37
- ▶ Man on a journey
- ▶ Robbers who stripped and beat him.
- ▶ Priest goes by...no help. Passed on the other side of the road.
- ▶ Levite goes by...no help. Did the same.
- ▶ Samaritan goes by...shows mercy.
- ▶ Lk 10:36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"
- ▶ You Go and Do Likewise!

Ways to Show Our Neighbor Christ

- ▶ Talk with them.
- ▶ Relate to them.
- ▶ Show care for them, their family, their problems.
- ▶ Help supply them with a physical need.
- ▶ Invite them into your home.
- ▶ Invite them to a Bible Study or church.
- ▶ Uphold Christ's name at all times. (Tit. 3:2 - Speak evil of no man...)
- ▶ Mt. 7:7-12

Conclusion & Action Opportunity

- ▶ What is your relationship with your neighbor?
- ▶ Robbers of your goods and your faith are everywhere.
- ▶ Religion without caring for another person is worthless.
- ▶ God cares for everyone!
- ▶ Our relationship with God depends upon our relationship with others.

- ▶ **Get to know your neighbor, wherever they are.**
- ▶ **Invite them into a relationship with you...and with Jesus.**