

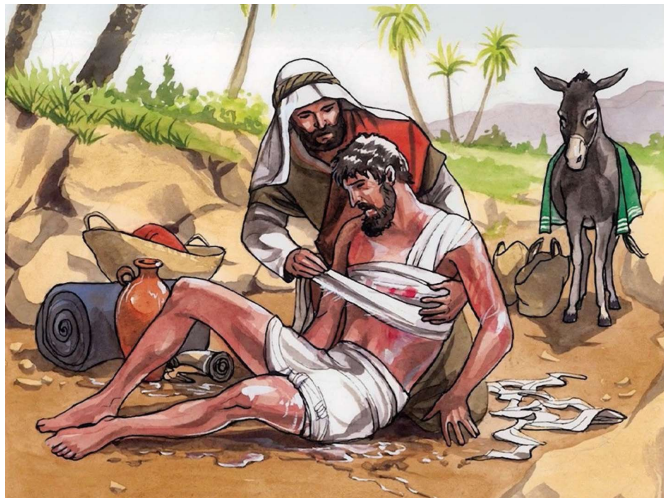
Jesus told of a man who travelled on the notoriously dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. As he travelled, he fell among thieves and was robbed, beaten, and left for dead. Religious Jews (a priest and a Levite) passed him, but they walked by on the other side, probably for fear of being religiously defiled. But a Samaritan came along and had unconditional compassion on the wounded stranger.

Jesus' audience would have gasped at this because Jews despised Samaritans. The Samaritan could have limited or qualified his compassion because the man was a Jew. But he did not limit his neighbourly kindness to those he thought were worthy. Instead, he saw a human being in need and resolved to help him.

Are you limiting your kindness to the ones you deem worthy? As followers of Jesus, let us find ways to show neighbourly kindness to all people, especially to those we have judged as unworthy. —Marvin Williams

*How many lives shall I touch today?  
How many neighbours will pass my way?  
I can bless so many and help so much,  
If I meet each one with a Christlike touch. —Jones*

**Our love for Christ is only as real as our love for our neighbour.**

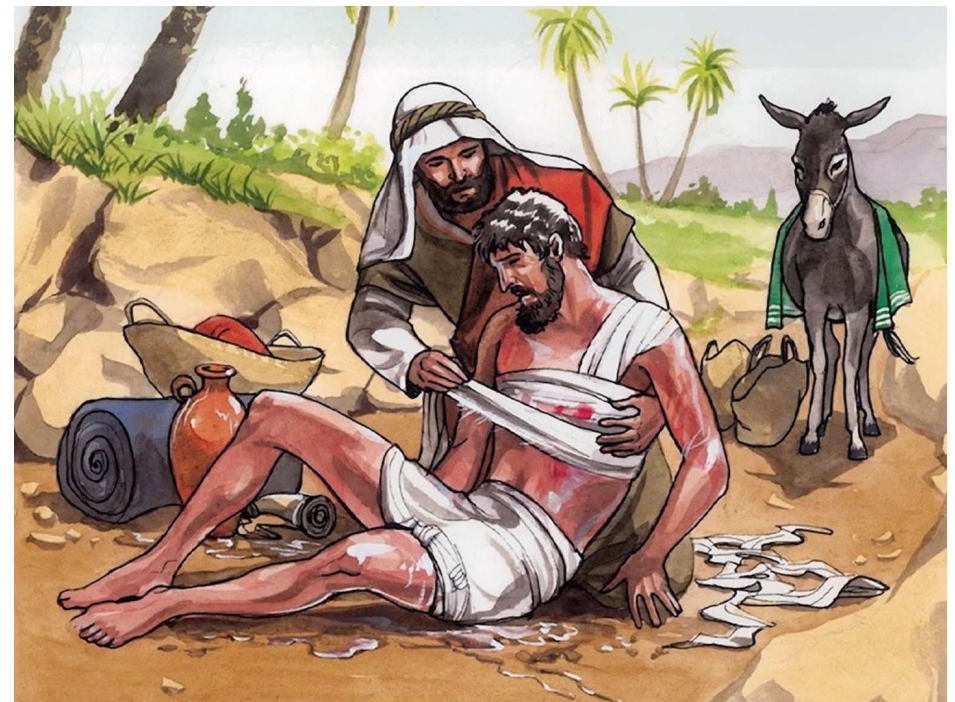


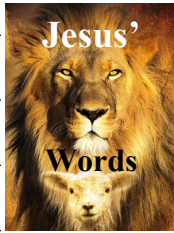
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## Neighbourly Kindness

*A certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. —Luke 10:33*

One of the major obstacles to showing compassion is making prejudgments about who we think is worthy of our compassion. Jesus told a parable to answer the question: "Who is my neighbour?" (Luke 10:29). Or, who qualifies as worthy of our neighbourly acts?





# Excuses, Excuses

In Luke 10:25-37 there are nine issues for us to consider:

1. Mere \_\_\_\_\_, verse 25

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God, verse 25

*(Hebrews 12:11)* Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

*(Matthew 22:18)* But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?

*(1 John 1:5)* ... God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

*(Hebrews 10:23)* Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ life, verse 25

*(Romans 6:23)* For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



4. \_\_\_\_\_ gathering, verse 26

5. I \_\_\_\_\_, verse 27

6. C \_\_\_\_\_, verse 28

Ray Comfort



7. E \_\_\_\_\_, verse 29

*(Psalms 21:8)* Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You.

*(Luke 16:15)* ... "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. ....

*(Luke 14:16-24)* Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, [17] and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' [18] But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' [19] And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' [20] Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' [21] So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame



and the blind.' [22] And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' [23] Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. [24] For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

*(Romans 1:20)* For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

These things happen



*(Mark 7:9-10)* He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. [10] For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.'

*(Mark 7:11-13)* But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban";' (that is, a gift to God), [12] then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, [13] making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

*(1 John 1:9)* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ telling, verses 30-35

9. \_\_\_\_\_ others, verses 36-37

*(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)* Love suffers long and is kind; ... [5] ...does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ... [7] ...hopes all things, endures all things.

[8] Love never fails. ....

*(Matthew 5:44-45)* But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, [45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

*(Luke 6:29-36)* To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. [30] Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. [31] And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. [32] "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. [33] And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. [34] And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. [35] But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. [36] Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

*(2 Corinthians 5:21)* For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

*(John 7:37)* ... "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. [38] He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."



No windows: no light