



“Love Who?”

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### Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

*On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

*“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”*

*He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

*“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”*

*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*

*In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’*

*“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*

#### **Context**

**Expert of the law:** Lawyer

**Pentateuch:** First 5 Old Testament books. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

**613 OT laws:** 248 positive laws to perform.

**Example:** *Worshipping God and only God*  
365 negative laws to abstain from.

**Example:** *Not worshipping false idols*

**Traveler:** Reckless, foolish man to travel on his own

**Priest:** Religious leader who administered temple duties and traditions.

**Levite:** Descendent from Levi (12 tribes of Israel) who had temple obligations.

**Samaritan:** Mixed-race (Jews & other nations) people that did not get along with the Jews.

*“Jesus says to us, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Love of self is instinctive and involuntary. If you’re in trouble, you never wonder if you’re worth helping. When you’re queuing up for a movie or a ball game, it would never occur to you to surrender your place to someone else...Jesus says in the Kingdom that’s how you love your neighbor. You feel he/she is worthy and deserves preferential treatment. There is no legalism.”*

- Bruce Larson

**Living out the Gospel life by \_\_\_\_\_**  
**and \_\_\_\_\_ with compassion.**

*“All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Matthew 22:40

Sources: NIV study Bible, NRSB study Bible, The Communicator’s Commentary: Luke by Bruce Larson, The Gospel of Luke by William Barclay

**ANSWER KEY:**

Living out the Gospel life by **SEEING**  
and **ACTING** with compassion.