

# The Parables Of Jesus

## Lesson 8

### The Parable Of The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30-37)

**Where & When:** The start of *The Judean Ministry*

- *The Great Galilean Ministry* has concluded; the 4 withdrawals from Galilee have occurred
- It is approximately 6 months before Jesus' crucifixion

**Occasion Producing The Parable:**

- A Jewish lawyer (*expert in the Law*) approached Jesus to inquire about eternal life (v. 25)
  - His interest was feigned...he intended to test Jesus with his question
- Jesus' reply emphasized the word of God (v. 26)
- The lawyer correctly summarized the commandments...Jesus commends him (vv. 27-28)
- The lawyer attempts to "justify himself" by trying to find a "loophole" (v. 29)
  - He tried to limit the identity of his "neighbor"

**Questions:**

1) Briefly summarize the parable. (vv. 30-35)

2) Consider these 3 "rules" by which men have always lived...

The "Iron Rule"	The "Silver Rule"	The "Golden Rule"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do unto others before they do unto you</li><li>• What is thine is mine... I'll take it</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't do to others what they don't do to you</li><li>• What is mine is mine... I'll keep it</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do unto others as you want done unto you</li><li>• What is mine is thine... I'll share it</li></ul>

Label which "rule" each of the following lived by, citing something from the parable as proof.

The robbers -

The priest & the Levite -

The Samaritan -

3) Re: these "rules," has human behavior changed? (Rom. 1:29-31; 2 Tim. 3:1-4)

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- 4) Oddly enough, how were the robbers, the priest, and the Levite alike? How was the Samaritan different from them all?
  
- 5) Do you think the identity of the parable's "hero" was chosen by accident? (vv. 31-32; Jn. 4:9)  
Notice also how the lawyer answers Jesus' question in v. 37...how didn't he phrase his answer?
  
- 6) What happened to the lawyer's "loophole?" (vv. 36-37; cp. v. 29) How big is the "neighborhood... who does it include?
  
- 7) *Thought questions*: what does the Samaritan's actions teach about serving others? (vv. 33-35; Mt. 5:41-42, 43-46) What should always be our goal when rendering such service? (1 Cor. 9:19)
  
- 8) What does this parable teach us about love? (1 Jn. 3:16-18)
  
- 9) How might the words of Hos. 6:6, and Jesus' quotation of them in Mt. 9:13, be applied here?  
Also consider 1 Jn. 4:20-21 in your answer.
  
- 10) What is the main lesson to be learned from this famous parable?