

Love Without Limits

Luke 10:25-37

Theme: To be a neighbour and act neighbourly means to help anyone in need.

Understanding the Preamble to the Parable (10:25-29)

- A lawyer tested Jesus - 10:25.
- Jesus had a counter question - 10:26.
- Lawyer gave a two-part summary of the 10 Commandments - 10:27.
- Jesus told him to do this and he would live.

Could the lawyer earn eternal life?
No! No one could keep the commands
perfectly.

The lawyer wanted to know who his
neighbour was - 10:29.

Jesus told a parable.

Grasping the Principle in the Parable (10:30-37)

A man travelled from Jerusalem to Jericho along the way known as “the path (ascent) of blood”.

He was attacked, beaten, stripped and robbed.

Three travellers came upon the man:

1. Priest - passed by (10:31).

2. Levite - passed by (10:32).

3. Samaritan - had active compassion
(10:33-35).

The neighbour was the one who
helped 10:36-37.

Jesus did not directly answer the
question of 10:29!

He showed that the lawyer was the
neighbour.

What is the principle of the parable?

To be a neighbour and act neighbourly means to help anyone in need.

This principle is a responsibility God places on all people.

However, the principle must be a distinguishing mark of the behaviour of a Christian.

In other words our love must have no limits!

What does Practising the Principle of the Parable involve?

1. Seeing the need.

2. Meeting the need:

We must set aside racial, religious and cultural barriers.

We must sacrifice time and money.

Conclusion:
Need Placed on our Path

Technological development puts many needs in our pathway.

We must behave as Biblical neighbours.

Our love must have no limits.