

# Who Is My Neighbor?

**TEXT:** Luke 10:25-37

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES:** Deuteronomy 15:7; Isaiah 58:10; Matthew 25:34-46

**KEY VERSE:** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
— Galatians 5:14

Jesus Christ left us many beautiful examples of ministering to the needs of one's neighbors, even to the extent of going a great distance or spending much time in order to do it. In this parable Jesus shows us that our neighbors are those with whom we come into contact, regardless of nationality or social status.

**1.** The lawyer who came to Jesus asked, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This was a good question, but there are indications he was not sincere. What were these indications?

**2.** In John 4:4-29 and 21:8,9,12,13, we see two examples of Jesus showing brotherly love or concern for those about Him. Describe the ways Jesus ministered in these two instances.

**3.** Read Luke 11:5-8. What excuse was given for not meeting the friend's need? Do you think that this was a valid or acceptable excuse? Why or why not?

**4.** Some of the duties of a priest were to make sacrifices, burn incense, and teach the people God's Law. The Levites were appointed to assist the priests and, no doubt, had heard the message of the priest. In what way did they fail in their obligations?

**5.** The Samaritans were absolutely despised by the Jews, and they had no dealings with each other. In spite of this, when the Good Samaritan saw the man's suffering, what did he do?

**6.** In John 5, we read of a man who suffered from a serious physical affliction. In verse 7, he tells Jesus why he had not been healed. What reason did he give? How might this relate to our duty to those who are physically disabled or afflicted?

**7.** If you love your neighbor as yourself, what are some of the things you will be doing as outlined in the following Scriptures?

Matthew 5:16

John 13:35

Romans 15:2

Ephesians 4:32

1 John 3:17

**8.** Consider the admonition in our key verse that instructs us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Then note some of the ways we care for our physical, mental, and spiritual selves and our material requirements.

Which of the ways noted should be extended to others?