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And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luke 10:25-37 cont.

34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Self-Justification:

One of the greatest detriments to the cause of Jesus here in the western world is self-justification. We tend to do things for ourselves so we can feel better about our lack in other areas or because we will feel better about ourselves. (we see this in the “who is my neighbor” comment from the teacher of the law)

Fragmentation:

We have fragmented ourselves away from people and not viewed ourselves as responsible for anyone else except ourselves. We don't possess a sense of responsibility to care for the needs of others. We have a tendency to live “neighborless”. (the scribe certainly knew that God required His people to show mercy, even to strangers and enemies (Ex. 23:4–5; Lev. 19:33–34; Micah 6:8).

Some Reasons Why We Live “Neighborless”:

1. We are preoccupied with what we consider “big things” and not the “little things”
2. Cultural differences
3. We don’t feel responsible
4. We think someone else will take care of our neighbors
5. Don’t want to get dirty, have enough of our own to worry about

Principles to Apply from the Text:

- ☀ Be ready to look at how your words can convict you. (v. 28)
- ☀ Your neighbor: It's the person you don't think is the one...is the one!
- ☀ It's often those on the path and not necessarily and not just the ones out of the way. (v. 31)
- ☀ Go beyond the norm or minimum (v. 33-35)
- ☀ Don't think someone else will (v. 31-32)

Principles to Apply from the Text:

- ☀ Beware of knowing we are supposed to show compassion and love but not feel a sense of responsibility (v.33)
- ☀ The priest and the Levite lost far more by their neglect than the Samaritan did by his concern. (v. 33-37)
- ☀ Never underestimate the power of helping one person. It could change the whole world. (millions now give and help because of this one act!)
- ☀ Beware of superficially seeing Christians merely as one's indwelt by the Holy Spirit. It's those who live in obedience to the Spirit's promptings.