

S – Scripture

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

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

27 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.’”

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

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

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins 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.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

O – Observations

What do you notice? What is interesting? What is context? What questions does it raise?

Some Observations to consider:

- a. *Why do you think Jesus chose a priest, Levite & Samaritan?*
- b. *Trace the thoughts of the expert in the law. What different understanding did he have when he left from where he started...if any?*
 - a. *What was the test?*
 - b. *Why justify himself?*
 - c. *What does he understand he is to “Go and do likewise”?*

A – Applications

How does this apply to you? What do you need to confess? Do? Change?

Some Applications to consider:

- a. *What ways do you seek to “justify yourself” before God?*
- b. *Where do you see yourself in this parable?*
- c. *What is Jesus directing you to “Go and do likewise”?*

P – Prayer

Pray that the seed (the Scripture you just studied) falls on good soil in your heart, so that it will take root and produce fruit. **Praise** God for His attributes revealed in the passage. **Confess** any sin that has come to light during this time of studying.

Thank Him for His Word and His care. And **ask** the Holy Spirit to continue growing you into a disciple of Jesus.