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**Neighbour: Part Four | Dave Solmes**

Text: Luke 10:25-37

The big question being asked to Jesus by the religious expert is: "How do I inherit eternal life?".

The path to eternal life always begins with Jesus. The Saviour: His grace and mercy to get us up and on the path in the first place, and grace to stay the course.

The parable of the good Samaritan teaches us that we get on this path to abundant and eternal life as we stay on the path of the neighbourly kind of living.

### **1. The neighbourly way involves Showing mercy.**

- Text: Luke 10:37 – "The man replied, (The neighbour is:) "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."
- So, what gets us on the path to eternal life is mercy and what keeps us on the path is mercy.
- The word "SHOW" means to get a plan together. To do something. Reveal something in a timely way. It means to give something to another so that the other receives what they need.

The neighbourly way involves Stopping.

- Looking and listening in a rushed and distracted society. It involves making ourselves available to people, groups, and seeing each one with dignity. It involves the discipline of not assuming we know the need until we draw near.
- Micah 6:8 the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

The neighbourly way involves Joining:

- The Samaritan moved toward togetherness. He bent low to join the man who was in need.
- What brought togetherness was the need of the man. The good Samaritan had what the man needed.
- The neighbourly way is about asking ourselves... 'When we have what the other needs what is our role and responsibility? '

The neighbourly way involves Sharing:

The good Samaritan He had what the man needed that day...

- Provided the oil & bandages in his emergency response – quick diagnosis
- Put the one in need on his own Donkey – carried the man
- Spent the night with the man
- Offered two coins to pay for health care
- Promised to cover future health care expenses if there were long term care and concerns.

## **#2. The good neighbour is the one who showed MERCY?**

- Luke 10:37 "The man replied, (The neighbour is:) "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."
- Mercy needs an attitude and expression. Mercy needs a plan to come together so the one in need receives what they need. Mercy is giving something to another what they don't have or may never have themselves. It helping another attain something they need.
- While we think we have a choice in who our neighbour is we don't. You and I have to get used to your walls coming down and lines being scrubbed out.

### **#3 Go, and do the same:**

- Luke 10:37 "The man replied, (The neighbour is:) "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."
- TO GO .. Means to leave where you are and to take your other place. To get up and get to the place AND work prepared for you.
- So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. I Corinthians 15:58

*THE PATH OF THE NEIGHBOURLY WAY IS THE PATH THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE.*