

**“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”**  
**Part Three: “Loving Your Neighbors More”**  
**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**

Luke 10:25-37 <sup>25</sup>“A certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup>He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?’ <sup>27</sup>So he answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘You have answered rightly. Do this and you will live.’ <sup>29</sup>But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered and said, ‘A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him. And whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ <sup>36</sup>“So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? <sup>37</sup>And the lawyer said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (NKJV)

## 1. Be Willing To Take A

Luke 10:33a “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was.” (NKJV)

The average American knows less than three of their neighbors well enough to have a meaningful conversation about personal dreams, hurts, fears or needs. It is virtually impossible to really love your neighbor from a long distance. Love implies closeness.

## 2. Be Willing To Show

Luke 10:33b “When he saw him, he had compassion.” (NKJV)

Matthew 9:35,36 <sup>35</sup>“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup>But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” (NKJV)

It’s virtually impossible to really love your neighbor if you have no compassion on them. Love implies that you care about someone else’s pain.

## 3. Be Willing To

Serve means “to render assistance; to help.”

Luke 10:34,35 <sup>34</sup>“So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him. And whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’” (NKJV)

Matthew 22:34-40 <sup>34</sup>“When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, saying, <sup>36</sup>‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’ <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment’. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (NKJV)

