

Being A Good Neighbor

Storyteller #12

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Lawyer: “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)

Jesus: “Who is a good neighbor?” (Luke 10:36)

- The question is not “**Who do I help?**”, but “**Am I helpful?**”

Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” (Luke 10:28 NIV)

- The secret to **living** is **loving**.

“...Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:37 NIV)

I'm a good neighbor...

1. When I **look for needs**. (Luke 10:31-34 NIV)

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...

Don't be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of other people, too. **Philippians 2:4 (ERV)**

2. When I **take action**. (Luke 10:34-35 NIV)

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii 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.’

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:16-18 (NIV)**

3. When I **am generous**. (Luke 10:35 NIV)

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- Helping others will be **costly**.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. **1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NLT)**

Share with God's people who need help. Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes. **Romans 12:13 (ERV)**

But don't forget to help others and to share your possessions with them. This too is like offering a sacrifice that pleases God. **Hebrews 13:16 (CEV)**