

## Too Much Talk and Not Enough Action

### Reach Out and Attract (part 3)

#### Which Side Am I On?

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.”**

Luke 10:25-37 NIV



*Is it worth it? What will I receive in return?*

*How much pain will this cause me?*

*Maybe someone else will take care of it?*

#### ❖ Place a High Value on Compassion

Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ ‘Instead of offering sacrifices to me, **I want you to be merciful to others.**’ I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners. Matt 9:13 CEV Msg

You’re blessed **when you care.**

Matthew 5:7 NIV

#### ❖ Expect to Sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God’s mercy**, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices...

Romans 12:1 NIV

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of his mercy.**

Titus 3:5 NIV

#### ❖ Move from Feel to Real

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but **do not neglect the more important things.** Matthew 23:23 NIV

Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, “Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!” and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn’t it obvious that **God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?**

James 2:14 Msg

Dear children, don’t just talk about love.

Put your love into action.

**DO something about it.**

1 John 3:18 NIV WSV