

# Wake Union Baptist Church

*"Where the good news of Jesus Christ  
is proclaimed in truth and love"*

**The Lord's Day**

**July 18, 2021**

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How serious a sin is the habit of neglect?

**BIBLE READING: Matthew 7:24–29** (Key verse: 26)

Neglecting God and His Word can undermine all of life. Like a house of cards, the fool's life crumbles. Most people do not deliberately seek to build on a false or inferior foundation; instead, they just don't think about their life's purpose. Many people are headed for destruction, not out of stubbornness but out of thoughtlessness. Part of our responsibility as believers is to help others stop and think about where their lives are headed and to point out the consequences of ignoring Christ's message.

**BIBLE READING: Mark 7:1–23** (Key verse: 9)

Neglecting family responsibilities is disobedience to God. The Pharisees used God as an excuse to avoid helping their families. They thought it was more important to put money in the temple treasury than to help their needy parents, although God's law specifically says to honor fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12) and to care for those in need (Leviticus 25:35–43). We should give money and time to God, but we must never use God as an excuse to neglect our responsibilities. Helping those in need is one of the most important ways to honor God.

**BIBLE READING: James 4:1–17** (Key verse: 17)

Neglecting to do right is as sinful as doing wrong. We tend to think that doing wrong is sin. But James tells us that sin is also not doing right. (These two kinds of sin are sometimes called sins of commission and sins of omission.) It is a sin to lie; it can also be a sin to know the truth and not tell it. It is a sin to speak evil of someone; it is also a sin to avoid that person when you know he or she needs your friendship. We should be willing to help as the Holy Spirit guides us. If God has directed you to do a kind act, to render a

service, or to restore a relationship, do it. You will experience a renewed and refreshed vitality to your Christian faith.

Neighbor

**BIBLE READING: Luke 10:25–37** (Key verses: 27–28)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: The man answered, “ ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” (Luke 10:27–28)

God expects us to be loving toward our neighbors. This expert in the law was quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. He correctly understood that the law demanded total devotion to God and love for one's neighbor. From the parable Jesus told (verses 30–35), we learn three principles about loving our neighbor: (1) lack of love is often easy to justify, even though it is never right; (2) our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed, or social background who is in need; and (3) love means acting to meet the person's need. There is no greater need than to share the life-saving message of the Gospel.



Remains of the ancient Roman road between Jerusalem and Jericho—the setting for the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)—can still be seen in the desert of Judea. This road was used frequently by Galileans traveling to Jerusalem. *Baker Illustrated Bible Commentary*

**BIBLE READING: Romans 13:8–14** (Key verse: 9)

We should love our neighbors as ourselves. Somehow many of us have gotten the idea that self-love is wrong. But if this were the case, it would be pointless to love our neighbors as ourselves. But Paul explains what he means by self-love. Even if you have low self-esteem, you probably don't willingly let yourself go hungry. You clothe yourself reasonably well. You make sure there's a roof over your head if you can. You try not to let yourself be cheated or injured. And you get angry if someone tries to ruin your marriage. This is the kind of love we need to have for our neighbors. Do we see that others are fed, clothed, and housed as well as they can be? Are we concerned about issues of social justice? Loving others as ourselves means to be actively working to see that their needs are met. Interestingly, people who focus on others rather than on themselves rarely suffer from low self-esteem.

Handbook of Bible Application

Compassion  
Feeling Sorrow For How Others Hurt

1. What Does It Mean To Show Compassion?
2. Is Compassion More Than Feeling Sorry For People?
3. What Can I Do If I Don't Feel Any Compassion?
4. Who Am I Supposed To Help Out?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Exodus 2:6
- 2 Chronicles 28:15
- Job 29:13
- Luke 10:33-34
- Acts 16:33
- Acts 28:2
- Hebrews 10:34

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

Did the people in these verses just feel sorry for needy people? No, they helped them! Compassion is more than a feeling, it's an action. Give some of your time and energy to help kids who need help. That's compassion.

Sermon Points on Luke 10

- 1) Truth Telling (25-28)
- 2) Torn Traveler (29-32)
- 3) Total Transformation (33-37)

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Questions and Concepts

The lawyer's question (10:25-28)

**How do you read it (10:26).** A Jewish idiom that meant something like, "How do you recite?" That is, what law do you recite in daily worship? The obvious answer was the Shema (see Deuteronomy 6:5). Since Matthew and Mark record similar encounters when Jesus named Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 as the greatest commandments (see Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34), this lawyer may well have been quoting Jesus' own teaching.

1. According to Jesus, what should be a person's two priorities in life (see 10:27-28)?

**Heart ... soul ... strength ... mind (10:27).** These were not meant to denote distinct parts of a personality; Hebrew used parallelism for emphasis. The sense is to love with your whole being.

2. Jesus said, "Do this and you will live" (10:28). How does this relate to inheriting eternal life?

The Good Samaritan (10:29-37)

Neighbor (10:29). Jews understood a neighbor to be a member of one's religious community. Pharisees tended to exclude common people (lukewarm in their obedience to the Law), and other sects excluded anyone they considered to be Jews only in name. The lawyer tried to restore his dignity by asking Jesus whom He included in the community of people who deserved love. 1. Many in the Galatian churches had been deceived by the Judaizers (Galatians 1:6; 3:1-3, 5:2). Others were still uncertain about their relationship to the Law. What two warnings does Paul give all believers who are thinking about placing themselves under the Law (Galatians 5:2-3)?