

**ETERNAL LIFE AND THE TWIN LOVES**  
**LUKE 10: 25–37**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> 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.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii<sup>□</sup> 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.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

**DISCUSS**

1. What are some of the ways people believe they must do to inherit eternal life in the past and present day?

2. Jesus affirms in v27 that “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” were the ways to inherit eternal life.

How does this speak to you about the assurance of your own eternal life?

3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (v30-35), analyse the thoughts and actions of each character:
- the man who was robbed
  - the robbers
  - the priest
  - the Levite
  - the Samaritan
  - the innkeeper

Which character(s) do you personally identify with the most?

4. It was shared in the sermon that “A disciple is one who loves God with the totality of his or her life”. How does this speak to you and how it could change your thoughts and actions going forward?

5. We cannot give what we do not have, but it is from the overflow of what we have been blessed that we give back to the Lord by serving others.

Reflecting on 2024 and looking forward to 2025, in the spirit of thanksgiving, share with each other how the Lord has blessed you that you can be His channel of blessing to others, especially to “neighbours” who are hard to love.