



STORY TIME

Great Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus



#4 "Like A Good Neighbor"

Luke 10:29-37 (NLT) The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with an illustration: "A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes and money, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a Jewish priest came along; but when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt deep pity. Kneeling beside him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. 'If his bill runs higher than that,' he said, 'I'll pay the difference the next time I am here.' Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Good neighbors (based on Jesus' definition):

1. **Step _____ when others step _____.**
2. _____ **comfort and convenience.**

Luke 10:29 (Living) The man wanted to justify (his lack of love for some kinds of people), so he asked, "Which neighbors?"

3. **Break _____ and build _____.**
4. _____ **and _____ others.**

Luke 10:33-34 (MSG) A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him on to his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable.

What skills do we need to be a good neighbor?

- _____.

Colossians 3:12 (TPT) You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others.

- _____.

Proverbs 15:4 (MSG) Kind words heal and help; cutting words wound and maim.

- _____.

Matthew 5:9 (AMP) Blessed [spiritually calm with life-joy in God's favor] are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they will [express His character and] be called the sons of God.

- _____.

Proverbs 25:19 (NCV) Trusting unfaithful people when you are in trouble is like eating with a broken tooth or walking with a crippled foot.

5. _____ **what they start.**

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God calls us to make long-term investments in our relationships:

- **Pray for opportunities.**

Luke 10:2 (NIV) He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

- **Look for opportunities.**

Galatians 6:10 (NLT) Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters.

- **Expect God to reward you.**

Matthew 25:21 (NIV) His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Luke 10:37 (NIV) The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."