



Getting Your Priorities Straight

Luke 10:25-42

Sermon Study Notes

In order to say "yes" to your priorities you have to be willing to say "no" to something else.

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." - Stephen R. Covey

### I. The Two Great Commandments (Takeaway: Love is at the heart of following Jesus.)

The lawyer's question displays the gospel according to good works.

Jesus didn't correct the lawyer's question because it would've been possible to correct his theology without converting his soul.

An inheritance is received, not earned.

- A. Love God with all you've got.
- B. Love your neighbor like you love yourself.

### II. Love of Neighbor Illustrated (Takeaway: Children are supposed to look like their parents and they will inevitably act like their parents, so it's no surprise true children of God love their neighbors.)

A. Criminal Inhumanity

- 1. We live in a world that's hostile.
- 2. We live in a world that's hurting.

B. Casual Indifference

- 1. Religion is all too concerned with its rituals.
- 2. Religion is all too concerned with its rules.

The law can describe us, but the law cannot deliver us.

C. Compassionate Involvement

- 1. We must show genuine compassion.
- 2. We must show gentle compassion.
- 3. We must show gracious compassion.

D. Costly Investment

- 1. The Good Samaritan shows mercy when it's dangerous and inconvenient.
- 2. The Good Samaritan shows mercy across ethnic and religious boundaries.
- 3. The Good Samaritan shows mercy at the expense of time and money.

"Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important." - Stephen R. Covey

E. Convicting Inquiry

F. Compelling Instruction

For the lawyer, "neighbor" is a noun - something someone else is. For Jesus, "neighbor" is a verb - something I do.

### III. Love of God Illustrated (Takeaway: When Jesus demands worship, ministry is a distraction.)

- A. Service is appropriate until it distracts from worship.
- B. Usually ministry is the goal.
- C. Jesus supersedes the law...because He is God.

My life should be lived showing mercy and kindness to others, but even a Good Samaritan is lost without the Good Shepherd.