

## You go, and do likewise

**Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)**

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**Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)** — **25** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **26** He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” **27** And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” **28** And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” **29** But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” **30** Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” **37** He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

### **Faith without works is dead**

**James 2:14–17 (ESV)** — **14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? **17** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

### **Imago Dei**

IMAGE OF GOD A phrase found several times in the book of Genesis (Gen 1:7–27; 5:1–3; 9:6). Distinguishes humankind from the animal and plant kingdoms. Elevates humankind above all terrestrial created things so as to exercise benevolent and ethical stewardship over creation. Image of God language is found in the New Testament as part of the Christian’s responsibility to imitate Christ, who is the image(r) of God par excellence.

*We should think of the image of God in this sense, therefore, not as a noun but as a verb: we no longer image God as we should; we are now being enabled by the Spirit to image God more and more adequately; some day we shall image God perfectly.*

-Anthony A. Hoekema

**“...to visit orphans and widows”**

**James 1:26–27 (ESV)** — **26** If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**Stress response cycle**

Ask for help -> Fight or Flight -> Freeze/Flop

**Examples of people asking Jesus for help**

**Matthew 9:18 (ESV)** — **18** While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

**Luke 9:37–38 (ESV)** — **37** On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. **38** And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

**Luke 18:35–43 (ESV)** — **35** As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. **36** And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. **37** They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” **38** And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” **39** And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” **40** And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, **41** “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” **42** And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” **43** And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**Mercy definition:**

To have compassion, pity, deep empathy. Expresses having deep compassion. This verb is similar to what is expressed in modern language as a feeling in one’s “gut” or “heart” of deep empathy for another person.

**Matthew 23:23 (ESV)** — **23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

**Empathy = Compassion + Action**

**Kintsugi** (lit. 'golden joinery'), is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with urushi lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. It treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise.