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The Best Actor/Actress
Luke 10:25-37

Good Samaritan: A Good or Bad Actor

The Best Actor:

I. The "religious" test of goodness: _____

Luke 10:25-29 *And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" 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 wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

The typical religious test:

- What do you know?
- What do you believe?
- What is your doctrine?

II. Jesus' test of goodness: _____

Luke 10:30-37 *Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' 36 Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."*

Who fails the test?

- Priest -
- Levite -

Who passes the test?

- Samaritan -

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How is your acting? Are we acting like a disciple of Jesus? Are you acting like a child of God?
2. How do you act out your faith? How do you put your faith in action?
3. What does your love of God look like in a practical sense? How does your love of God change your actions? How does it change the way you spend your time and your resources?
4. What does your love of neighbor look like in a practical sense? How does your love of neighbor change your actions? How does it change the way you spend your time and your resources?



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