Introduction
The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

“It deserves the principle attention of every man, woman and child on earth. We are all sinners – dying sinners who will be judged after death.

How shall our sins be pardoned? How shall we escape condemnation? Where can we flee the wrath to come? These are the questions people of every rank should ask and not rest until they find an answer.” Bishop J. C. Ryle

How does Jesus answer? He takes him to the Scriptures.

- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.” Deuteronomy 6:5
- “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Leviticus 19:18

Jesus says, “Do this and you will live.”

“But, who is my neighbor?”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan reveals the heart of three different kinds of people.

I. What’s yours is mine and I’m going to take it. Verse 30

There are people who go through life just like that. Their heart is filled with greed.

Instead the Bible tells us that everything we have is a gift from God. We are not the owner. We are just stewards.

II. What’s mine is mine and I’m going to keep it. Verses 31-32

This is illustrated by the priest and the Levite.

The truth is that these men chose not to get involved. How many of us are like them?

The greatest indifference of all is not to care about the salvation of the people around us.
III. What’s mine is yours and I’m going to give it. Verses 33-35

The audience would have expected Jesus to use a Jewish layman as the hero of the story. Instead Jesus chose a Samaritan.

Samaritans were despised by the Jews.

When he saw this man, he had pity on him and he helped him.

Which of these three was a neighbor to this man?

Conclusion

The real question is not who is my neighbor? The better question is what kind of neighbor am I?

There are three types of people in this world.

- What’s yours is mine and I’m going to take it.
- What’s mine is mine and I’m going to keep it.
- What’s mine is yours and I’m going to give it.

Be a giver.