

Biblical Literature II—New Testament
Unit 5 Jesus' Parables
Lesson 03 "Parables about Living Your Faith"

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What do Jesus' parables teach us about living our faith? Many of Jesus' parables instructed people how to live their faith. In an era when the Jews thought that living their faith meant keeping every [iota](#)

(An "iota" means what?)

of the man-made rules the Pharisees had [added](#)

(click on the link and tell me how many laws they added)

to God's law, Jesus' message was refreshingly different. Jesus told them God desired mercy, not sacrifice—loving obedience, not empty ritual. In the familiar parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus once again turns the tables on the Pharisees and the experts of the law. His parable answers the question an expert asks but in a way the man doesn't expect—Jesus puts the priest and Levite in a bad light while making a hero of the hated Samaritan.

1. [Luke 10:25-37](#)

- a. What did the "expert in the law" want to know?
- b. How did the "expert in the law" answer his own question?
- c. What specific question did the "expert in the law" ask to "justify himself"?
- d. The Good Samaritan Video—click on the links below and see what might of happened.
 - a. [Part 1](#)
 - 1) What is the new plan for robbing the travelers?
 - 2) What is the occupation of the Jewish man Ezra?

- 3) What is Caleb the Samaritan delivering?
- 4) What is the priest told about the “Lord’s business”?
- 5) What is the Levite not to touch?

b. [Part 2](#)

- 1) What did the people of Jerusalem do to get rid of the Samaritan?
- 2) What did Ezra’s donkey which tried to stop know?
- 3) Where did Ezra keep his money hidden?
- 4) Which did the priest show, sorrow or compassion?
- 5) Why did the Levite pass by?

c. [Part 3](#)

- 1) Which did Caleb the Samaritan show, sorrow or compassion?
- 2) Where does Caleb take Ezra?
- 3) What did Caleb say to the Inn keeper that he couldn’t do but the priest and Levite could?
- 4) What did the Inn keeper wish for his son?
- 5) What name/title did the man asking Jesus the question could not say?

Back to the Bible passage...

- e. What happened to the “man” in the parable?

f. Who comes along, sees the man and what do they do?

1)

2)

3)

g. How does the Samaritan go above and beyond the call of duty?

h. [The Good Samaritan Explained](#) –Click on the link and answer the following questions:

1) Who are the priests and why didn't this priest help?

2) Who are the Levites and why didn't this Levite help?

3) Who are the Samaritans and why should he not have helped?

4) According to the article what does this parable:

aa. "teach about salvation"—

bb. "teach about ethics"—

cc. "attack"—

dd. "teach about love"—

i. How would you summarize what good neighbors do for others?

The Jewish rabbis taught that people should forgive those who sin against them—but only three times. Perhaps thinking that he was being extra generous, Peter asked Jesus if seven times were enough times to forgive. Jesus' answer may have surprised him.

2. [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

- a. What was Jesus' answer to Peter's question?

- b. What do you think Jesus meant by His answer?

- c. What is wrong with the first servant's behavior?

- d. What did the "master" accuse the "wicked servant" of not having?

- e. What did the "master" do to the "wicked servant"?

f. [Difference between "grace" and "mercy"](#). Click on the link, read the article and then tell me the difference.

- g. How does this parable apply to us?

- h. His forgiveness is ["Amazing Love"](#)! Click on the link to experience His love!

During Holy Week Jesus told many parables about the end of the world. This was his last chance before his death to teach people what they should do while he was gone and how to prepare for his coming again.

3. [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

- a. How does the “master” divide up his wealth?
- b. What do the men do with their entrusted wealth?
- c. When the master returned from his journey, how did he treat the three servants?
- d. Check out this unusual interpretation of this parable—it is called [Flooded!](#)
- e. How does God expect us to use our gifts and abilities, whether many or few, until he comes back again?
- f. What does this parable mean for our time we are here at CLHS?
- g. Click out the following to be challenged in the using of our [“talents”](#) for God.
- h. What happens to those who don’t use their gifts?