

THREE PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE
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TEXT: Luke 10:25-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan.

INTRODUCTION:

A. This parable shows 3 Philosophies of Life.

1. The robbers- Iron Rule.
2. Priest and Levi- Silver Rule.
3. Good Samaritan- Golden Rule.

B. Each one is a product of his kind of thinking.

1. Prov. 4:23 **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.**
2. Prov. 23:7 **For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.**

BODY:

I. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ROBBERS IN THE PARABLE: IRON RULE.

A. Iron Rule- "Might makes right."

1. Yours is mine and I will take it if I can.
2. The end justifies the means.
3. Do evil that good may come- Rom. 3:8.

B. The robbers wanted easy time with no work.

1. 1 Tim. 6:7-10 loved money.
2. Eph. 4:28, never learned to love honest toil.
3. Never learned to be content with what they had Phil. 4:11-12.

C. They were selfish- The world is full of this kind.

1. Communism.

2. War mongers.

3. Thieves.

D. Boy learned the lesson this way. "Others are to help me when I am in need."

II. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRIEST AND THE LEVITE: SILVER RULE.

A. Silver rule:

1. Negative :Philosophy: "Do nothing unto other that you would not have them do to you."

2. Better Philosophy than the robbers but not good enough.

B. Selfish Philosophy: "Mine is mine and I will keep it." Would not help this man and pay the inn keeper for lodging.

C. Many are like these men, pass on the other side of every good work, they would not fight it- just let it die for lack of help.

1. James 4:17.

2. Judges 5:23 Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the Lord, `Curse its inhabitants bitterly, Because they did not come to the help of the Lord, To the help of the Lord against the mighty.'

D. Made excuses, they had to get on home.

III. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN: GOLDEN RULE.

A. Matt. 7:12 Golden rule.

1. "Mine is yours if you are in need."

2. Felt debt to all men- Rom. 1:14-16.

B. He had a "DO" religion.

1. James 1;27. Pure religion and undefiled is this. . .

2. Gal. 6:10 Therefore as we have opportunity let. . .

C. Man can be eternally lost for not doing his duty.

1. Heb. 2:1-4.
2. Matt. 25:
3. Many are wounded and in need all around us; Let us be good Samaritans. Practice the Philosophy of the Golden Rule.

WHERE DID THE SAMARITANS COME FROM?

In 1 Kings 11: Solomon dies and Rehoboam took his place.

In 1 Kings 12:1ff We read of Jeroboam and the northern tribes of Israel revolting and spiting off.

They made Samaria their capital.

I Kn 721 B.C. Smaria fell to Assyrian army lead by Shalmaneser.

They deported many of the people to work as slaves, but they left some in the land and brought in others to mix with them.

Babylon took Assyria.

Then in 586 B.C. Babylon took Judah (Southern Kingdom).

When the Jews came out of captivity 515 B.C. there was only one group.

The half-Jewish half- Gentile split off group of the Samaritan's were north.