

*The Gospel According To*

# LUKE

*Impossible Perfection – Possible Priorities and Prayer*

*Luke 10:25 – 11:4*

# The Lawyer - Finding Eternal Life (10:25-37)

The lawyer's question: What must I do to receive eternal life? (v25)

Jesus' counter question: How do you interpret what is contained in the Law? (v26)

The lawyer answers: Love God with everything and love your neighbor as yourself (v27)

Jesus responds: That is correct – do this and you will inherit eternal life (v28)

Trying to justify himself, the lawyer then asks: Who is my neighbor? (v29)

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- The story (vv30-35)
  - A man is beaten, stripped, and left half dead on the road by robbers
  - A priest sees him but passes by on the other side
  - A Levite sees him but also passes by on the other side
  - A Samaritan sees him and goes to great length to help him



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  - The Samaritan who showed mercy proved to be the man's neighbor

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- The challenge (v37b)
  - Jesus tells the lawyer to go and love others in the same manner

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**Galatians 3:24** <sup>24</sup>Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.



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**Luke 5:32**<sup>32</sup>“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

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**Romans 3:23** <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**James 2:10** <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

**Romans 6:23** <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1 John 4:19 <sup>19</sup>We love, because  
He first loved us.



# Mary and Martha – Understanding Priorities (10:38-42)

The good intentions of Martha to show hospitality (v38)

The priority of listening to the words of Jesus for Mary (v39)

**John 11:5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.



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The distraction, frustration, and complaint of Martha (v40)

The response of Jesus: Mary has chosen what is best (vv41-42)

**John 6:35**<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

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Key takeaways:

- Consuming the Word of God is a precious priority that should be treasured and protected
- Watch your priorities, even in the midst of ministry
- Be careful about projecting your ministry priorities (timing, extent, etc.) upon others
- In ministry, don't lose sight of your first love

**John 11:27** <sup>27</sup>She (*Martha*) said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.”

# The Disciples – Learning to Pray (11:1-4)

Concerning prayer in general

*while Jesus was praying*

*Prayer takes time and Jesus had a pattern of praying*

*after He had finished*

*Prayer was an uninterruptable priority for Jesus*

*Lord, teach us to pray*

*How to pray doesn't come natural to believers but can be learned*



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*Concerning how to pray*

*When you pray, say: ‘Father,*

*hallowed be Your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Give us each day our daily  
bread.*

*Pray as a child speaking to a Father – you have been  
adopted into the family*

*Show proper reverence to God as holy and set apart*

*Acknowledge the separateness of His kingdom and  
long for its advancement*

*Ask for appropriate provision from the One who  
provides all good things*

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*And forgive us our sins,*

*For we ourselves also forgive  
everyone who is indebted to  
us.*

*And lead us not into  
temptation.'*

*Ask forgiveness for your sins in confession and  
repentance*

*Acknowledge your desire to forgive others as you  
wish to be forgiven*

*Ask for spiritual protection from sin*

# Discussion Question

*What were some of the most striking aspects and impactful lessons for you personally from each of the 3 stories in our text*

- The lawyer who thought he was good enough – story of the Good Samaritan
- The priorities of Martha and Mary
- Jesus' teaching on prayer