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Int. \* Gen. 4:1-12. a 6,000 yr. old drama!

1. Occurred in a <sup>Sad!</sup> family setting. Impetuous
2. Discussions: Matters of religion. Chinese
3. 1st sin was pride + self-will! <sup>Sad!</sup>
4. 2nd sin was bad attitude: Hate, Wrath
5. 3rd sin was evil act - Murder.

Human nature changed much?

I Not in O.T. Period?

1. Lev. 19:13. Employers pay labor daily.
  2. Deut. 19:14. Tampering with neighbors landmark. Shall not remove.
  3. Ex. 22:5. Stock eat neighbor's grain!  
Pay debt from BEST in his field.
  4. Lev. 19:33-34. Good treatment for strangers. (Neighbors - brothers.)
  5. If steal an ox, repay 5! Ex. 22:1.  
and if sheep die in theft, pay 4!
- Cove. Man WAS his brother's keeper in Old Law of the Jews.

Who Is My Brother? <sup>Changed in N.T.?</sup>  
(11 def.)

1. Gen. sense: Acts 17:26. <sup>mk. 16:15-16.</sup>
2. Anyone nearby! Matt. 22:39.  
see. Saw Antonio's boy and crippled brother. Treated his brother like a neighbor - love, and his neighbor treated like a brother.

and attitude

# Wis ould Be A Brother Like That

A San Antonio preacher drove his new car downtown and parked. When he returned to his car, he found a small, very dirty, urchin admiring the car and softly rubbing his hand over the brand new finish.

"Do you like it?" the preacher asked, "Yes, sir," the boy replied. "Is it yours?" "Yes," said the preacher. "My brother gave it to me."

The boy hesitated, then unexpectedly replied: "I wish I COULD BE a brother like that."

The preacher was nonplussed because he had certainly expected the lad to say, "I wish I HAD a brother like that."

The preacher, his heart melting, then asked the boy if he would like to take a ride. But the boy answered: "I am too dirty." "You may be dirty on the outside, but you are mighty clean on the inside," the preacher responded. "I think it would do my car good for you to ride in it." They got in the car and soon the boy began to urge that the preacher take certain streets. The lad wanted the preacher to drive through his neighborhood. So the preacher complied and soon found himself in an alley outside of a run-down garage apartment.

The boy jumped out of the car and ran quickly up the steps. In a short while the preacher heard footsteps returning. They were far more labored than when they were going up. The first thing he saw were the dirty bare feet of his little street friend and the next were the lifeless, withered legs of another boy, whom he learned was his little friend's brother, being carried down the steps.

Seating his brother on the bottom step, the boy said: "Harry see, it's just like I told you. One day I am going to buy a car just like that." He then explained: "You see, mister, Harry can't walk. I go downtown and look at all the nice things in the store window, and come home and try to tell Harry what it is all about, but I can't tell it very good. Some day I am going to make enough money to buy a car for Harry so he can see for himself."

— Told Mid McKnight

a diff. in a brother, a neighbor (2)  
and an enemy? Matt. 22:39. 5:43  
Gal. 6:10. Brother in Christ first. 44

Poland!  
ought!  
Was!

4. Some feel glibly-pious until  
they meet the Real test. Have an  
enemy! Tougher!  
Like man who boasted of all  
he would do if were much blessed!

a. If had million \$ would give 1/2 to God's  
work.  
FRIEND: b. If had 1/2 mil. give 1/4? Yes.  
" c. If had 1/4 mil. give 1/8? Yes-sure!  
" d. If had 20 pigs give 1/2?? Give 10!  
Reply: Unfair! Knew I had 20 pigs!

Unfair: You knew I have an enemy!

III Must My brother have been a  
reprobate, gross sinner and  
weak-christian for me to care?

A. Rom. 12:18. Live peacably-all men.

1. Care for brethren NOT in trouble  
too longly!
2. Pray for all! Good too! \* I Tim. 2:1-5.
3. Gal. 6:1-2. The Apr. care!

See  
raft.  
little of  
is.  
reless!  
12.

← a. ell. <sup>Pres.</sup> Andy Jackson spent all  
fortune to clear his name. not  
keep!

4. Secret formula: Phil. 2:1-5 \*  
/ six Walter  
Scott.

5. Brothers look for the good! ell. Robt. Burns. Krb. 243. dunce-great  
man.  
man.

Inv. How prone <sup>you are</sup> convinced  
you are Brother's-Keeper!

1. Prone love God. I John 5:3.
2. Prone believe! John 5:24.
3. Prone obedience. acts 2:38.

Now can SHOW and TELL  
a brother what's best for his  
soul.

1. He can safely believe what  
you believe. God's truth!
2. He can safely follow  
your lead. I Cor. 11:1!
3. Your example your  
greatest proof you are  
your brother's keeper!