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FOUR LOOKS AT LIFE

● Luke 10:25-37

INT: Every life controlled by some philosophy, and one's philosophy governed by thoughts, Pr. 23:7. 4:23. Jesus used "fruits" in place of phil. Matt. 7:15-20. Luke 10 records 4 basic views of life and fruits of each. JESUS ASKS: Which view will you take? What fruits bear?

I. SETTING OF THE PARABLE.

- LK. 10.
- Jesus rejoiced at success of the 70. Vs. 17-21.
 - Exalted lowly disciples above kings etc. V. 23-24.
 - Aroused envy & jealousy of some. Lawyer's heart, attack.
 - Issue: Who is my neighbor? Whom should I help? ^{25-28.}

II. NEIGHBOR IS NOT THE MAN WITH THE "MIGHTY" LOOK. (THIEVES: Greed.)

- Iron Rule! →
- Robbers: Code of the Jungle. "Might makes right."
 - "What's yours is mine if I can get it." J. 10:10.
 - Philosophy of Kidnappers, murderers, blackmailers, embezzlers and unconverted Christians.
 - No attitude farther from God's Spirit. Gal. 5:22-26.*
to Albert Lewin's. MT - Nash. (PRIEST-LEVITE.)

III. NEIGHBOR IS NOT THE MAN WITH THE "HAUGHTY" LOOK. Selfish.

- Silver rule. →
- Hypocrites: Code of the City. "Don't want--get involved"
 - "What's mine is mine and none of yours." *Jas. 2:13-14
 - "Do not unto others what you would not want them to do unto you." Didn't hurt. Didn't help!
 - This attitude just as wrong as robber's. M. 25:34-40.
 - Must get involved on earth to get included in Heaven

IV. NEIGHBOR IS MAN WITH THE CHRISTIAN LOOK. Compassionate.

- to Nashville trip: 1/2 slave, attorney.*
- Christians: Code of the Church. "Right makes Might."
 - "What's mine is yours if you need it." Acts 2:44.
 - Samaritan: busy too, cleanly dressed; injured, an JEW-enemy, he's too near dead, no one see me either, etc!
 - Only attitude that leads to Heaven is: Mercy, compassion, love, concern, helpfulness & service. Gal. 6:10. Jas. 1:27. Gal. 6:2. Samaritan had it. DO YOU HAVE IT? How shown it? @Patt

V. Diamond Rule: Inn Keeper. V. 35. Neighbor.

INT: What YOU think of folks out in neighborhood who don't love God! I John 5:3. Terrible!

What GOD think of those who haven't loved Him enough to obey gospel? II Thess. 1:7-9.

What YOU think. ^{work} get "involved" in resp. of Church? Bad! Bad!

What GOD think of you, in this audience who will not get involved in church? Bad! Forever???

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

"He was a friend to man, and lived in a house
by the side of the road"—Homer.

THERE ARE hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height,
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong
Wise, foolish— *as* I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.