

C. Have a practice of care: commit to good works

It is these "good works" in verse 16 that enable men to credit the message and look to the Father. The concept of care is only one of these good works but it is a vital one. For the whole of our community of faith we are given Galatians 5:1 to motivate us and for things at large we are given 1 Peter 2:12. In a sense we authenticate ourselves and with these things in mind are prepared to be a blessing to others.

III. Conclusion: A humanitarian ideal is where we care for others in the will of God, not in some superficial way but in a real action of heart. Our testimony is the first step (in some ways) and the usefulness of our lives is the second. Everywhere the Lord Jesus went He showed the mercy of God and gave hope and help to others. It is our joy to follow His example and although we cannot do all that He did, we can do what He will allow us to do and that will suit the eternal purposes well.

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**MESSAGE # 2: THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN:
RELATE TO OTHERS AS GOD RELATES**

Biblical Passages: Luke 10:25-37

I. Introducing the Parable:

A parable is a truth in story form and the story may be from real life of a contrived account to show a real principle. I think the Lord did mostly the former and this account in Luke sounds like something that might have made the press. A merchant of some sort (vs 30) was going from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell victim to thieves. (History reveals that country was full of that sort of mischief which eventually was dealt with by the Romans in a big war against crime). He was abused and apparently left exposed in an open place---maybe as a warning to others or something like that---and in the passage of time a priest went by as well as a Levite, both of them observing but passing by on the other side of the road for one reason or another. A Samaritan, hated by the Jews, came by and took compassion on the victim, taking him to an inn and providing for his care. This was a lesson in neighborliness to the lawyer (vs 25) who started this discussion when he asked: "Who is my