



Jesus: More Lessons on Love



BIBLE WORDS TO REMEMBER

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Bible Story: MORE QUESTIONS: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? from Luke 10

Jesus was asked a lot of questions by many different people and for many different reasons. Sometimes the questions were asked by those who wanted to find something against Him. Jesus always knew what was inside the heart of everyone who asked a question. He is wise and all-knowing because He is God. He always knew exactly how to answer the questions.

One day, a **lawyer** asked Jesus a question to test Him. He asked, "What do I need to do to have eternal life?" Jesus asked him a question. "What has God said to do?" The lawyer said, "You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "That is exactly right. Now do that and you will live forever." The man knew that he had tried to live by the law and it was too hard for anyone to do! So he tried to trick Jesus by asking another question: "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus gave His answer in a parable. In our next lesson, we will see what Jesus said about who our neighbor is.

WORDS TO KNOW

lawyer: one who studies the law and tells others what it means



PRAYER THOUGHT

Dear God, I am so glad that You know everything and love me. Help me to love You with all of my heart and to love others too. In Jesus name, Amen.



Questions: THINKING & REMEMBERING

Fill in the blanks or circle the letters of all that are right.

1. What were some people doing when they were with Jesus?
 - a. They were asking questions.
 - b. They were telling Him things they knew.
 - c. They were trying to get Him to say the wrong thing.
2. How did Jesus know the reasons people asked certain questions?
 - a. He is the Son of God.
 - b. He can look inside and know why they asked a question.
 - c. He could guess by looking at them.
3. Did Jesus ever make a mistake and give a wrong answer?
 - a. Sometimes—if the person was a good actor.
 - b. No, He knew exactly how to answer the questions.
 - c. Yes, His disciples tried to help with the answers.
4. What was the profession of the man who asked Jesus a question?
 - a. a farmer
 - b. a teacher
 - c. a lawyer
5. What was the man's question?
 - a. "What is an easy way to heaven?"
 - b. "What do I need to do to have eternal life?"
 - c. "How can I get rich on earth?"
6. What question did Jesus ask him?
 - a. "What has God said to do?"
 - b. "Have you kept the law?"
 - c. "What good things have you done?"
7. The man knew the laws of God and could tell Jesus. True _____ False _____
8. How did the man try to trick Jesus with another question?
 - a. He used God's words to challenge Jesus.
 - b. He asked, "Who is my neighbor?"
 - c. He asked how to know who to be kind to.
9. The man had tried to live by the _____ of God, and it was too _____.

Bible Story: A GOOD NEIGHBOR

from Luke 10

This is the parable Jesus told:

One day a man was walking along a lonely road when suddenly some bad men came and beat him and took all his money. He was too hurt to walk. He waited for someone to help him.

A priest who was in a hurry to go to the temple to worship God came by. He saw the hurt man, but he did not stop. Then another man who worked at the temple came down the road. He turned his head away and walked away on the other side of the road.

Finally, there were more footsteps coming down the road. A man from another country stopped beside the hurt man. He was very kind. He washed the dirt from the man's cuts, took him to the next town to an inn, and paid for the man to stay there until he was well.

When Jesus finished the story, He asked, "Which of the three men was a good neighbor?" There is really only one answer. It was the man who helped. This is the way God wants us to love our neighbor. Our neighbor is anyone who needs help and love.

THINK ABOUT

It is easy to love ourselves. It is easy to love our family and friends and those who love us. But what about those who are not kind and are not lovable? Why did God say that we must love everyone? Did He know how hard it would be? Yes, God knew all of that. That's why God sent Jesus to earth to help us know how to love.

PRAYER THOUGHT



Dear God, I know that You love me—even when I do and say things that are unkind to others. Help me love the way You love and to care about someone today that has been unkind. They need Your love too. In Jesus name, Amen.



Questions: THINKING & REMEMBERING

Fill in the blanks or circle the letters of all that are right.

1. Why did Jesus tell this parable?
 - a. to tell who our neighbor is
 - b. to show how many people will walk by a hurt man
 - c. to tell people they shouldn't walk alone on a lonely road
2. What did Jesus want His listeners to learn?
 - a. to be careful where they go
 - b. to watch for robbers
 - c. how to love like God loves
3. Who was the first to see the man who was robbed?
 - a. a lawyer
 - b. a temple worker
 - c. a priest
4. Who came along the road next?
 - a. the temple worker
 - b. a priest going to worship at the temple
 - c. a man taking things to sell in the city
5. How was the third man kind to the hurt person?
 - a. He washed the dirt from the man's cuts.
 - b. He said he was sorry, but he could not help.
 - c. He took the man to an inn to get better.
6. What question did Jesus ask the people who were listening?
 - a. "Why didn't the important people help the man?"
 - b. "Why didn't the man try to walk to get help?"
 - c. "Which one was a good neighbor?"
7. What would Jesus want you to do if you saw a hurt person?
 - a. find help for someone who is hurt
 - b. pray for someone who is hurt
 - c. be kind and help
8. Jesus said, "This is My commandment, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you."

Bible Story: BIGGER AND BETTER

from Luke 12

Just like today many people who followed Jesus were looking for ways to have more things on earth. Jesus knew what people were thinking. He knew that they were not happy because they worried about what they didn't have instead of thinking of all the things that they did have. People never think about helping others or being kind when they are too busy thinking about themselves. So Jesus told them a picture story (parable) to help them think about what was important.

*There was once a rich farmer who had very good crops. One year he had even better crops that produced more. This made him very happy. He built bigger barns to store his **grain**. He did not share with others because he was so proud of how much he was getting for himself.*

That night he heard God's voice. God said, "You have been very foolish. Tonight you will die. What is going to happen to all your money and your grain now? It won't help you at all."

If we think only about what we have on earth, we will not be ready for treasures in heaven. Jesus taught that it is not the amount of things we have that is important in life.

WORDS TO KNOW

grain: that which is grown in the field and used to make flour

THINK ABOUT

We can spend a lot of time thinking about what we don't have. People sometimes worry about money and what they are going to buy when they get it. It is easy to put our thoughts on "things" instead of God, but "things" won't matter at all when life on earth is over. What matters is what we decide about God and loving others.



Questions: THINKING & REMEMBERING

Fill in the blanks or circle the letters of all that are right.

1. What did Jesus know that people were thinking?
 - a. how they could be kind to each other
 - b. how they could love God more
 - c. how they could get more things
2. What were they thinking about?
 - a. God
 - b. themselves
 - c. others
3. Why did Jesus tell a picture story (parable)?
 - a. to help people think about what was really important
 - b. to think more about what they had on earth
 - c. to help people know that they should worry about money
4. What did the man in the story do for a living?
 - a. He was a banker.
 - b. He was a farmer.
 - c. He owned a bakery.
5. What happened that made him happy?
 - a. He had more crops that produced more than ever.
 - b. He got married and started a family.
 - c. He sold his farmland.
6. What did he do with the extra money he made?
 - a. He fed the poor.
 - b. He shared it with others.
 - c. He built bigger and better barns to store his grain.
7. What was his attitude about the abundance he had?
 - a. He wanted to share it with his neighbors.
 - b. He was proud of how much he was getting for himself.
 - c. He looked for ways to help the poor people.
8. What did God say would happen to him?
 - a. "Tonight you will die."
 - b. "You will live for a long time to enjoy what you have."
 - c. "You can take some of your riches to heaven."
9. If you only think about what you have on _____, you will not be ready for treasures in _____.

Bible Story: A RICH MAN GOES AWAY

from Mark 10

One day Jesus was walking on the road, and a man who was very rich came running after Him. He wanted to talk to Jesus! He had enough money to buy anything he wanted, but he wanted to be sure of one more thing. He wanted to go to heaven when he died.

So the man asked Jesus, "Please tell me what I have to do so that I will have eternal life." Jesus said, "You know all of God's commandments: 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not lie,' 'Do not cheat,' 'Honor your father and mother.'" "Yes, yes," said the rich man, "I have kept all the commandments all my life!"

Jesus knew the man had tried to be good. Jesus knew everything about him. And He knew that the young rich man had forgotten the most important thing. He did not really love God with all his heart and mind. He did not love others as much as he loved himself and his money. Jesus said, "Go and give all you have to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow Me."

The man turned and went away sadly. He could not give up what he loved most—his possessions.

THINK ABOUT

Having beautiful clothes, a big house, and the money to buy everything one wants does not make a person happy. It's what's on the inside that counts! It is having the love of Jesus in your heart and knowing that you will be with Him forever in heaven. Not only will you feel beautiful on the inside, your face will shine on the outside, showing God's love in you! What really counts the most in life? What do you need to make you happy? Whom do you need to have eternal life? How you answer these questions is important.

PRAYER THOUGHT



Dear God, I'm so glad that the things that money can buy isn't the most important thing. Help me make You the most important in my life. In Jesus name, Amen.



Questions: THINKING & REMEMBERING

Fill in the blanks or circle the letters of all that are right.

1. What kind of man was running to meet with Jesus?
a. poor b. sick c. rich
2. What did the man have?
a. He had a book he wanted to show Jesus.
b. He had something to sell to Jesus and His followers.
c. He had money and many things that money could buy.
3. What was the one thing he wasn't sure about?
a. He wasn't sure that he would always have enough money.
b. He wasn't sure that he would go to heaven.
c. He wasn't sure that his friends would like him.
4. How did Jesus answer the man's question about eternal life?
a. He asked the man if he had kept all of God's commandments.
b. He said to try to be good to others.
c. He said that no one ever knows for sure that they will go to heaven.
5. Jesus already knew what the man had done and what he was thinking.
True _____ False _____
6. What had the man **not** done?
a. He had not loved God with all his heart and mind.
b. He had not gone to church.
c. He had not loved others more than himself and his money.
7. What did Jesus say the rich man would have to do?
a. He would have to give all his money to the poor people.
b. He would have to say prayers at the temple.
c. He would have to follow Jesus.
8. What did the man choose to do?
a. He chose to keep his money.
b. He chose to give his money to the poor.
c. He chose to follow Jesus.

Remember: God will give you everything you need—just believe in Him and put Him first in your life.



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“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

Bible Story: TREASURE

from Matthew 13

Jesus talked a lot about what was really important. He tried to tell His disciples and the people listening that their **treasure** in heaven was more important than any treasure found on earth. He knew that they had a very hard time understanding this, so Jesus told this parable:

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. A man was digging out in that field. Suddenly, he hit something that was very hard. He kept digging and discovered that it was a wonderful treasure. It was worth more money than the man had ever imagined. He was so happy!

The man did not want to steal the treasure and hope that no one would ever find out. He wanted to own the treasure! He thought of a plan. He would hide the treasure and buy the land where the treasure was. He went home and got everything that he already had and sold it. He was so excited when he had enough money finally to buy the land—and the treasure that was buried there.

Some people were beginning to understand what Jesus was telling them about God’s kingdom—His kingdom is the most **precious** thing they could have. Riches weren’t important. God’s kingdom is the treasure!

WORDS TO KNOW

- treasure:** something of great value
precious: wonderfully loved and valued

THINK ABOUT

We all have things that we treasure. There are many things that are special to us—and God gives us wonderful things to enjoy. He want us to have fun and have good things. But the best treasure of all is knowing God and His love!



Questions: THINKING & REMEMBERING

Fill in the blanks or circle the letters of all that are right.

1. Fill in the missing words from John 15:12.
"This is My _____, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you."
2. What did Jesus want people to understand?
 - a. He liked to tell stories.
 - b. God's kingdom is the most important thing.
 - c. that they could do what they liked
3. What did Jesus tell His listeners about treasure?
 - a. Treasure in heaven is more important than treasure on earth.
 - b. Having riches can make them happy.
 - c. People should try to get all the money they can.
4. What did the man in the story find when he was digging?
 - a. a special rock
 - b. a wonderful treasure
 - c. a different kind of plant
5. What was the treasure worth?
 - a. a lot of money—more than he ever could imagine
 - b. five hundred dollars
 - c. enough money to buy a house
6. What plan did the man have so he could own the treasure?
 - a. He would steal the treasure and hope no one would find out.
 - b. He would buy the land where the treasure was buried.
 - c. He would sell all that he had to get enough money to buy the land.
7. What did Jesus say was the most precious thing the people could have?
 - a. enough money to buy what you want
 - b. God's kingdom
 - c. lots of friends

Remember: God's kingdom is more precious than gold!