

Lesson 26: The 6th Essential of Holy Living: Sacrifice-2

Memory Verse: "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27

1. Read Matthew 19:16-22

A. What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler that he should do in order to have eternal life?

"If thou wilt enter into life, _____ the _____."

B. What was his answer?

"A__ _ these things have I _____ from my _____ up:
what _____ I yet?"

C. Then what did Jesus tell him?

"If thou wilt be _____, go and _____ that thou hast, and _____ to
the poor, and thou shalt have _____ in _____: and
come and _____ me."

D. What was his response to this?

"He went _____ sorrowful: for he had _____ possessions."

2. What question did the lawyer ask Jesus? Luke 10:25

"Master, what shall I _____ to inherit _____ life?"

Note: "With breathless attention the large congregation awaited the answer. The priests and rabbis had thought to entangle Christ by having the lawyer ask this question. But the Saviour entered into no controversy. He required the answer from the questioner himself." DA 497.2

3. What did Jesus ask the lawyer? Luke 10:26

"What is written in the _____? how _____ thou?"

Note: "The Jews still accused Jesus of lightly regarding the law given from Sinai; but He turned the question of salvation upon the keeping of God's commandments." DA 497.2

4. How did the lawyer answer this question? Luke 10:27

"Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God with all thy _____, and with all thy
_____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____; and
thy _____ as thyself."

Note: "The lawyer was **not satisfied** with the position and works of the Pharisees. He had been studying the Scriptures with a **desire to learn their real meaning**. He had a **vital interest** in the matter, and had **asked in sincerity**, 'What shall I do?' In his answer as to the requirements of the law, he passed by all the mass of ceremonial and ritualistic precepts. **For these he claimed no value**, but presented the **two great principles on which hang all the law and the prophets**." DA 497.4

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5. What did Jesus say to this answer? Luke 10:28

"Thou hast answered _____: this _____, and thou shalt _____."

Note: "He presented the law as a divine unity, and in this lesson taught that it is not possible to keep one precept, and break another; for the same principle runs through them all. Man's destiny will be determined by his obedience to the whole law. Supreme love to God and impartial love to man are the principles to be wrought out in the life.

"The lawyer found himself a lawbreaker. He was convicted under Christ's searching words. The righteousness of the law, which he claimed to understand, he had not practiced. He had not manifested love toward his fellow man. Repentance was demanded; but instead of repenting, he tried to justify himself. Rather than acknowledge the truth, he sought to show how difficult of fulfillment the commandment is. Thus he hoped both to parry conviction and to vindicate himself in the eyes of the people. The Saviour's words had shown that his question was needless, since he had been able to answer it himself." DA 498.1,2

6. So he asked another question. Luke 10:29

Why did he ask it? He wanted to V _____ himself, or excuse himself.

What did he ask? "And who _____ my _____?"

Note: "Among the Jews this question caused endless dispute. They had no doubt as to the heathen and the Samaritans; these were strangers and enemies. But where should the distinction be made among the people of their own nation, and among the different classes of society? Whom should the priest, the rabbi, the elder, regard as neighbor? They spent their lives in a round of ceremonies to make themselves pure. Contact with the ignorant and careless multitude, they taught, would cause defilement that would require wearisome effort to remove. Were they to regard the 'unclean' as neighbors?

"Again Jesus refused to be drawn into controversy. **He did not denounce the bigotry of those who were watching to condemn Him.** But by a simple story He held up before His hearers **such a picture of the outflowing of heaven-born love** as touched all hearts, and drew from the lawyer a confession of the truth." DA 498.3,4

7. What story did Jesus tell? Luke 10:30-35

We call it the story of the good _____.

Note: "In the story of the good Samaritan, Christ illustrates **the nature of true religion.** He shows that it consists not in systems, creeds, or rites, but in the **performance of loving deeds**, in bringing the greatest good to others, in **genuine goodness.**" DA 497.1

"This was **no imaginary scene**, but an actual occurrence, which was known to be exactly as represented. The priest and the Levite who had passed by on the other side were in the company that listened to Christ's words. DA 499.1

"In journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho, the traveler had to pass through a portion of the wilderness of Judea. The road led down a wild, rocky ravine, which was infested by robbers, and was often the scene of violence. It was here that the traveler was attacked, stripped of all that was valuable, wounded and bruised, and left half dead by the wayside." DA 499.2

8. What did the priest and the Levite do? (verses 31,32)

They _____ by on the _____ side.

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Note: "As he lay thus, the priest came that way; but he **merely glanced toward the wounded man**. Then the Levite appeared. Curious to know what had happened, he **stopped and looked at the sufferer**. He was **convicted of what he ought to do**; but it was **not an agreeable duty**. He wished that he had not come that way, so that he need not have seen the wounded man. He persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his. DA 499.2

"Both these men were in sacred office, and professed to expound the Scriptures. They were of the class **pecially chosen to be representatives of God to the people.**" DA 499.3

9. As representatives of God, how should they relate to people? Hebrews 5:1,2
They were to "have _____ on the ignorant, and on them that are _____ of the _____." This would help the people to understand God's great love toward humanity.

10. The work they were called to do was the same that Jesus had described as His own. In Luke 4:18 what did he say that this work was?

"The Spirit of the _____ is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me

✎ To _____ the gospel to the _____;

✎ He hath sent Me to _____ the _____,

✎ To preach _____ to the _____,

✎ And recovering of _____ to the _____,

✎ To set at _____ them that are _____."

Note: "The angels of heaven look upon the distress of God's family upon the earth, and **they are prepared to co-operate with men in relieving oppression and suffering**. God in His providence had brought the priest and the Levite along the road where the wounded sufferer lay, **that they might see his need of mercy and help**. All heaven watched to see if the hearts of these men would be **touched with pity for human woe.**" DA 500.1

11. What had God instructed the Hebrews about how they should care for others?

A. Leviticus 19:34 "But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt _____ him as _____; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

B. Deuteronomy 10:17-19 "For the Lord your _____ is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a _____ God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the _____ and widow, and _____ the stranger, in _____ him food and raiment. _____ ye therefore the _____: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

C. Exodus 23:4-5 "If thou meet thine _____'s ox or his ass going _____, thou shalt surely _____ it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that _____ thee lying under his _____, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt _____ with him."

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Note: "The Saviour was the One who had instructed the Hebrews in the wilderness; from the pillar of cloud and of fire He had taught a very different lesson from that which the people were now receiving from their priests and teachers. **The merciful provisions of the law extended even to the lower animals**, which cannot express in words their want and suffering. ... But in the man wounded by robbers, Jesus presented the case of **a brother in suffering**. How much more should their hearts have been moved with pity for him than for a beast of burden! DA 500.1

"With all these lessons the priest and the Levite were familiar, but **they had not brought them into practical life**. Trained in the school of national bigotry, they had become **selfish, narrow, and exclusive**. When they looked upon the wounded man, they could not tell whether he was of their nation or not. They thought he might be of the Samaritans, and they turned away." DA 500.2

12. But what did the Samaritan do? Luke 10:33-34

"When he saw him, he had _____ on him, And went _____ him, and _____ up his _____, pouring in _____ and _____, and set him on his _____ beast, and brought him to an _____, and took _____ of him."

Note: "He did not question whether the stranger was a Jew or a Gentile. If a Jew, the Samaritan well knew that, were their condition reversed, the man would spit in his face, and pass him by with contempt. But he did not hesitate on account of this. He did not consider that he himself might be in danger of violence by tarrying in the place. **It was enough that there was before him a human being in need and suffering**. He took off his own garment with which to cover him. The oil and wine provided for his own journey he used to heal and refresh the wounded man. He lifted him on his own beast, and moved slowly along with even pace, so that the stranger might not be jarred, and made to suffer increased pain. He brought him to an inn, and cared for him through the night, watching him tenderly. In the morning, as the sick man had improved, the Samaritan ventured to go on his way. But before doing this, he placed him in the care of the innkeeper, paid the charges, and left a deposit for his benefit; and not satisfied even with this, he made provision for any further need, saying to the host, 'Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.'" DA 503.2

13. The story ended, Jesus fixed His eyes upon the lawyer with a glance that seemed to read his soul. What question did he ask him? Luke 10:36

"Which now of these _____, thinkest _____, was _____ unto him that fell among the thieves?"

14. How did the lawyer answer? Luke 10:37

"He that showed _____ on him."

And Jesus said, "Go, and _____ thou _____."

Note: "Thus the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' is forever answered. Christ has shown that our neighbor does not mean merely one of the church or faith to which we belong. It has no reference to race, color, or class distinction. **Our neighbor is every person who needs our help**. Our neighbor is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbor is everyone who is the property of God." DA 503.5

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15. What makes us truly children of God?

A. Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that _____ unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that _____ the _____ of my Father which is in heaven."

B. 1 John 2:6 "He that _____ he abideth in Him ought himself _____ so to _____, even as _____ walked."

Note: "The lawyer's question to Jesus had been, 'What shall I **do**?' And Jesus, recognizing **love to God and man as the sum of righteousness**, had said, 'This **do**, and thou shalt live.' The Samaritan had obeyed the dictates of a kind and loving heart, and in this had proved himself a doer of the law. Christ bade the lawyer, 'Go, and **do** thou likewise.' **Doing, and not saying merely, is expected of the children of God.** DA 504.1

"**The lesson is no less needed in the world today** than when it fell from the lips of Jesus. Selfishness and cold formality have well-nigh extinguished the fire of love, and dispelled the graces that should make fragrant the character. Many who profess His name have **lost sight of the fact that Christians are to represent Christ.** Unless there is practical self-sacrifice for the good of others, in the family circle, in the neighborhood, in the church, and wherever we may be, then whatever our profession, we are not Christians." DA 504.2

16. What is Christ's instruction to us? Matthew 10:8

"Freely ye have _____, freely _____."

Note: "Christ has linked His interest with that of humanity, and **He asks us to become one with Him for the saving of humanity.** ... Sin is the greatest of all evils, and it is ours to pity and help the sinner. There are many who err, and who feel their shame and their folly. **They are hungry for words of encouragement.** They look upon their mistakes and errors, until they are driven almost to desperation. These souls we are not to neglect. **If we are Christians, we shall not pass by on the other side,** keeping as far as possible from the very ones who most need our help. When we see human beings in distress, whether through affliction or through sin, we shall never say, This does not concern me." DA 504.3

17. With what spirit should we give? 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not _____, or of _____: for God loveth a _____ giver."

Note: "It is **freewill offerings** that are acceptable to God. **True Christian benevolence springs from the principle of grateful love.** Love to Christ cannot exist without corresponding love to those whom He came into the world to redeem. **Love to Christ must be the ruling principle of the being, controlling all the emotions and directing all the energies.** Redeeming love should awaken all the tender affection and self-sacrificing devotion that can possibly exist in the heart of man. When this is the case, no heart-stirring appeals will be needed to break through their selfishness and awaken their dormant sympathies, to call forth benevolent offerings for the precious cause of truth." 3T 396.2

"**If our happiness consists in making others happy, we are happy indeed.** The true disciple will not live to gratify beloved self, but for Christ, and for the good of His little ones. **He is to sacrifice his ease, his pleasure, his comfort, his convenience, his will, and his own selfish wishes for Christ's cause, or never reign with Him on His throne.**" 1T 85.2

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18. Read Acts 20:35 "I have showed you _____ things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the _____, and to remember the _____ of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is _____ blessed to _____ than to _____."

The experience of giving is priceless -- the giver receives Christlikeness, while the receiver gets only money.

Note: "God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but **in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work.** In order to enter into His joy, -- the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice, -- we must participate in His labors for their redemption."

DA 142.2

"The Lord designed to bring man into **close relationship with Himself** and into **sympathy and love with his fellow men** by placing upon him **responsibilities in deeds that would counteract selfishness and strengthen his love for God and man.** The plan of system in benevolence God designed **for the good of man**, who is inclined to be selfish and to close his heart to generous deeds. The Lord requires gifts to be made at stated times, being so arranged that **giving will become habit** and benevolence be felt to be a Christian duty. The heart, opened by one gift, is not to have time to become selfishly cold and to close before the next is bestowed. **The stream is to be continually flowing**, thus keeping open the channel by acts of benevolence." 3T 393.2

Will you let God have His way with your possessions?	YES	NO
Will you accept His guidance in their use or disposal as He sees fit?	YES	NO
Will you sacrifice for His sake as HE did for your sake?	YES	NO