

WHAT DID THE GOOD SAMARITAN DO?



What did the Good Samaritan do for the man who was beaten and robbed and left for dead on the road to Jericho? But before we even start to address this question we can first see what not to do by looking at what the Levite and the Priest refused to do and that is they refused to stop and help that poor man.

Now there are a few reasons why the Priest and the Levite refused to go over and help, they may have thought it was a trick and that they were being set up for an ambush which was very common on the road to Jericho. The road to Jericho was known as the bloody pass back in the time of Christ.

The Priest and the Levite may have taken a vow not to touch a unclean person thinking that the man was already dead or they may have prayed for the man that a kind soul would come by soon and help the man, either way they did not stop to help that poor man.

So now we can ask the question, "What did the Good Samaritan do?" This man took it upon himself to go and help that poor man even at the risk of his own life, he placed Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others for the glory of God. This kindhearted soul helped wrap, mend, and anoint this man's wounds. He put the man on his donkey and took him the nearest inn to be cared for and he paid the inn keeper and promised to repay him for any added expenses for the hurt man's care when he returned.

How many of us drive right by the nursing home, care center, medical rehab or VA Hospital each day and do not stop and go in? How many of us pray as we drive by but never go in to sit by someone's side who is suffering?

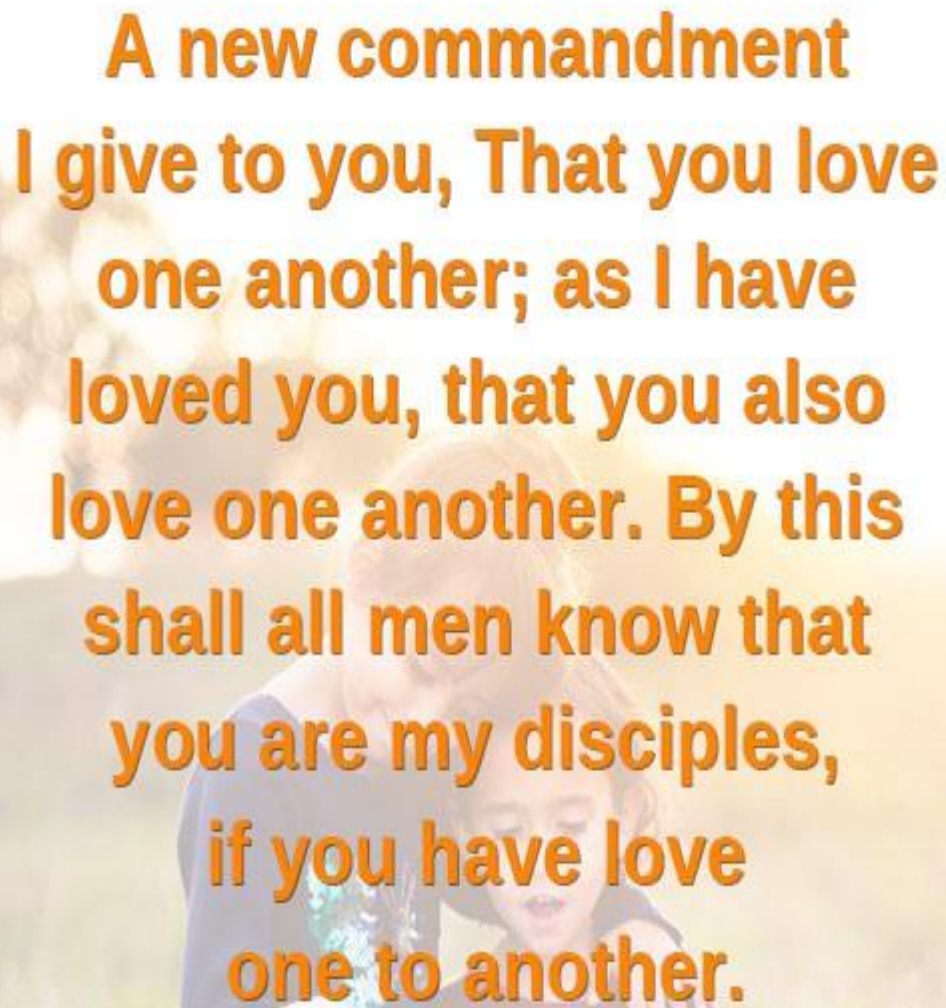
What did the Good Samaritan do? Did he just walk on by & pray & read the Word of God to the man who was robbed, beaten, & left for dead? How many of us drive right by these healthcare facilities each day never to stop & go inside to help someone in need of our compassion kindness & love?

Please contact the Activities Director at any healthcare facility and offer to be a blessing to someone who is all alone and suffering. We are their blessing and they are ours.

MLK The Good Samaritan teaching, The question is not what will happen to me if I stop to help this person in need, The real question is, What will happen to this poor suffering soul if I do not stop to help them? That is the question we all must be asking ourselves each and every day...Amen

The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

John 15:12 And this is My commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.

A woman and a young girl are standing in a field, looking down at an open book held by the girl. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun visible on the right side of the frame. The background is a soft-focus landscape of grass and trees.

**A new commandment
I give to you, That you love
one another; as I have
loved you, that you also
love one another. By this
shall all men know that
you are my disciples,
if you have love
one to another.**

John 13:34-35