

The Lawyer Mentality

(What Who Is My Neighbor?)

Scripture Handout!

Luke 10:25–29 (NKJV)

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

27 So he answered and said, “‘You shall 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.’”

28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

There are primarily 3 Hebrew words for the word neighbor.

7934 שָׁקַן [shaken /shaw·kane/] adjective (words that describe). From 7931; TWOT 2387b; GK 8907; 20 occurrences; AV translates as “neighbour” 17 times, “inhabitant” twice, and “nigh thereunto” once. **1** inhabitant, neighbour. **1A** inhabitant. **1B** neighbour.

7453 רֵעַ [reaʻ, reyaʻ /ray·ah/] noun (person, place, or thing) m. From 7462; TWOT 2186a; GK 8276; 188 occurrences; AV translates as “neighbour” 102 times, “friend” 42 times, “another” 23 times, “fellow” 10 times, “companion” five times, “other” twice, “brother” once, “husband” once, “lovers” once, and “neighbour + 1121” once. **1** friend, companion, fellow, another person. **1A** friend, intimate. **1B** fellow, fellow-citizen, another person (weaker sense). **1C** other, another (reciprocal phrase).

7462 רָעָה, רָעָה [raʻah /raw·aw/] verb (action word). A primitive root; TWOT 2185, 2186; GK 8287 and 8289; 173 occurrences; AV translates as “feed” 75 times, “shepherd” 63 times, “pastor” eight times, “herdmen” seven times, “keep” three times, “companion” twice, “broken” once, “company” once, “devour” once, “eat” once, “entreateth” once, and translated miscellaneously 10 times. **1** to pasture, tend, graze, feed. **1A** (Qal). **1A1** to tend, pasture. **1A1A** to shepherd. **1A1B** of ruler, teacher (fig). **1A1C** of people as flock (fig). **1A1D** shepherd, herdsman (subst). **1A2** to feed, graze. **1A2A** of cows, sheep etc (literal). **1A2B** of idolater, Israel as flock (fig). **1B** (Hiphil) shepherd, shepherdess. **2** to associate with, be a friend of (meaning probable). **2A** (Qal) to associate with. **2B** (Hithpael) to be companions. **3** (Piel) to be a special friend.

Exodus 3:22 (NKJV)

22 But every woman shall **ask** of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put *them* on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

Exodus 11:2 (NKJV)

2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man **ask** from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold.”

Exodus 12:4 (NKJV)

4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb.

Exodus 20:16 (NKJV)

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Exodus 20:17 (NKJV)

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

Exodus 21:12–17 (NKJV)

12 “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. **13** However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.

14 “But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.

15 “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

16 “He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.

17 “And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 22:7–14 (NKJV)

7 “If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man’s house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. **8** If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges *to see* whether he has put his hand into his neighbor’s goods.

9 “For any kind of trespass, *whether it concerns* an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which *another* claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whomever the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor. **10** If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away, no one seeing *it*, **11** then an oath of the LORD shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbor’s goods; and the owner of it shall accept *that*, and he shall not make *it* good. **12** But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it. **13** If it is torn to pieces *by a beast*, *then* he shall bring it as evidence, *and* he shall not make good what was torn.

14 “And if a man borrows *anything* from his neighbor, and it becomes injured or dies, the owner of it not *being* with it, he shall surely make it good.

Exodus 22:26–27 (NKJV)

26 If you ever take your neighbor’s garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down. **27** For that *is* his only covering, *it is* his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I *am* gracious.

Leviticus 6:1–5 (NKJV)

Deception and finder’s keeper’s.

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: **2** “If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, **3** or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely—in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: **4** then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, **5** or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, *and* give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.

Leviticus 18:20 (NKJV)

20 Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.

Leviticus 19:1–2 (NKJV)

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy.’

Leviticus 19:9–18 (NKJV)

9 ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. **10** And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather *every* grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the **poor and the stranger**: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to **one another**. **12** And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD.

13 ‘You shall not cheat **your neighbor**, nor rob *him*. The wages of **him who is hired** shall not remain with you all night until morning. **14** You shall not curse **the deaf**, nor put a stumbling block before **the blind**, but shall fear your God: I *am* the LORD.

15 ‘You shall do **no injustice** in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the **person of the mighty**. In righteousness you shall judge **your neighbor**. **16** You shall not go about as a talebearer among **your people**; nor shall you **take a stand against** the life of your neighbor: I *am* the LORD.

17 ‘You shall not **hate your brother** in your heart. You shall surely **rebuke your neighbor**, and not bear sin because of him. **18** You shall not **take vengeance, nor bear any grudge** against the children of your people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I *am* the LORD.

Deuteronomy 19:14 (NKJV)

14 “You shall not remove your neighbor’s landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

Deuteronomy 23:24–25 (NKJV)

24 “When you come into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put *any* in your container. **25** When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.

Deuteronomy 27:14–26 (NKJV)

14 “And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel: **15** ‘Cursed *is* the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets *it* up in secret.’

“And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen!’

16 'Cursed *is* the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

17 'Cursed *is* the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

18 'Cursed *is* the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

19 'Cursed *is* the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

20 'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

21 'Cursed *is* the one who lies with any kind of animal.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

22 'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

23 'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his mother-in-law.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

24 'Cursed *is* the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

25 'Cursed *is* the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

26 'Cursed *is* the one who does not confirm *all* the words of this law.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

Psalm 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!

For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

2 They speak idly everyone with his neighbor;

With flattering lips *and* a double heart they speak.

Psalm 15:1–3 (NKJV)

1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly,

And works righteousness,

And speaks the truth in his heart;

3 He *who* does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

Proverbs 3:27–29 (NKJV)

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

28 Do not say to your neighbor,
“Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give *it*,”
When *you have* it with you.

29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor,
For he dwells by you for safety’s sake.

Proverbs 11:9 (NKJV)

9 The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

Proverbs 11:12 (NKJV)

12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.

Psalms 101:5 (NKJV)

5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy;
The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart,
Him I will not endure.

Proverbs 14:20–21 (NKJV)

20 The poor *man* is hated even by his own neighbor,
But the rich *has* many friends.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

Proverbs 24:28 (NKJV)

28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause,
For would you deceive with your lips?

Proverbs 25:8–10 (NKJV)

8 Do not go hastily to court;
For what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor has put you to shame?
9 Debate your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose the secret to another;
10 Lest he who hears *it* expose your shame,
And your reputation be ruined.

Proverbs 26:18–19 (NKJV)

18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,
19 *Is* the man *who* deceives his neighbor,
And says, “**I was only joking!**”

Jeremiah 22:13 (NKJV)

13 “Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness
And his chambers by injustice,
Who uses his neighbor’s service without wages
And gives him nothing for his work,

Habakkuk 2:15 (NKJV)

15 “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor,
Pressing *him* to your bottle,
Even to make *him* drunk,
That you may look on his nakedness!

Zechariah 8:16 (NKJV)

16 These *are* the things you shall do:
Speak each man the truth to his neighbor;
Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;