

The 11th and Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-37

What is the 11th and greatest commandment? (Mark 12:28)

God's answer: (Mark 12:29-31)

- Love the Lord... (Deut. 6:5)
- Love your Neighbor... (Lev. 19:18)

You serve God by serving others. (Matt. 25:40) – **Key!**

God's promise. (Luke 10:28) "Do this and you will live!"

Man's excuse. (Luke 10:29) "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus's Story:

- **The traveler** (v. 30a) -
- **The victim** (v. 30b, John 10:10)
- **The priest** (v. 31, Lev. 21:1-3, Ex. 23:4-5)
- **The Levite** (v. 32)
- **The Samaritan** (v. 33a)
 - Was given a **Chance** to serve God. (v. 33b)
 - He **Chose** to serve God by serving his fellow man. (v. 34a)
 - He extraordinarily **Cared** for this hurting man. (v. 34b)
 - He was **Concerned** for his future wellbeing and that of the innkeeper. (v. 35)

Points to Ponder:

- Instead of finding excuses why we shouldn't serve others, may we instead look for ways to serve others! (Rel. leader)
- Instead of allowing our own righteousness to dictate who we help, may we instead allow God's righteousness in us help those God places in our path! (Priest and Levite)
- Instead of allowing our past to determine our present ability to serve, may we instead allow our present life in Christ help others with their future! (Samaritan)
- Instead of us seeing problems to solutions, may we instead seek solutions to our neighbors' problems! (us)