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"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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A man is not what he thinks he is, but what he thinks, he is. Anon

THREE MINDSETS AND THREE ATTITUDES Text: Luke 10:30-37

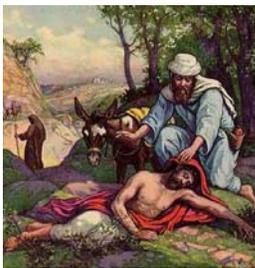
Beloved, your mindset will dictate your attitude. The Lord summarized the whole law of the Lord in **Mark 12:30-31**. Our passage is rich in fine analogy. Read **Luke 10:30**. The victim represents our lost and unsaved neighbors who in God's sight are spiritually naked, beaten, wounded, and in a helpless condition. Today I want us to see who the THIEF, the PRIEST, the LEVITE, and the SAMARITAN are, and what kind of attitude they had. Now in the passage I see three kinds of mindsets and three attitudes.

I. THE MIND OF A THIEF (v.30) – HIS ATTITUDE: WHAT IS YOURS IS MINE!!!

Perhaps this was a true story. The Jerusalem-Jericho road was the most public and well-traveled road in Judea. At that time Jericho is said to be a residence of 12,000 Levites. This highway was much infested with hordes of bandits and many robberies have been committed on that very road to which our Lord refers.

The thief is a type of SATAN (**John 10:10a**) who invades your life and privacy to STEAL your joy, faith, love and usefulness for the Lord; KILL your body and bring your soul in hell; DESTROY your sanity, character, testimony, and family! I beseech you beloved, don't let that happen to you! Let's get the devil and his influence out of – our life, our family, our business, and our church! If so, God will bless us beyond our expectation!

II. THE MIND OF A PRIEST & A LEVITE (v. 31-32) – THEIR ATTITUDE: WHAT IS MINE IS MINE!!!



A priest and a Levite were mentioned here because they were the most frequent travelers on this road, and to show that they of all people, from the nature of their job and ministry, were the most obliged and expected to do works of goodness and mercy. A priest was whom a person in distress had the right to call for immediate help and encouragement. His indifferent conduct here was a direct breach of the law of Moses (cf. **Deut. 22:4**).

Spiritually, the N.T. believer in Christ is a priest (**I Pet. 2:5, 9**). As such, he is most obliged to be zealous of good works (**Eph. 2:8-10; Tit. 2:14**). Alas, like the priest and Levite here, we often play "blind" to the cries and need of our neighbors for help, esp. the lost and perishing. We "mind our own business" and go about our daily interests with no thought of concern for others who are hurting and almost ready to perish!

III. THE MIND OF A SAMARITAN (v. 33-35) – HIS ATTITUDE: WHAT IS MINE IS YOURS!!!

A Samaritan is mentioned in **verse 33** merely to show that he was a person from whom a Jew had no right to expect any help or relief because of the enmity which existed between the two nations (**John 4:7-9**). Jews had no dealings with Samaritans.

Verse 34 is a perfect picture of soul winning.

“And went to him” (Matt. 28:19). **“Bound up his wounds”** implies love and concern for the hurting, poor, sick, forsaken, broken hearted, etc.

“Pouring in oil and wine” was a form of first aid but is a type of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 1:9; Eph. 5:18).

“Set him on his own beast” obviously meant the Samaritan denied himself comfort and convenience and walked the extra miles (Matt. 5:41-42).

“Brought him to an inn” The **“inn”** is a picture of the local church where those tormented by the devil find rest and comfort. It is a place where the sick find healing; the hungry and thirsty-food and water; the empty-fulfillment; the lonely-gladness; the confused-enlightenment, and the lost-salvation!

See **II Cor. 8:9; John 10:10b**. The Samaritan is a type of the Lord Jesus who came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. He became poor so we may be rich; suffered so we may be comforted; died on the cross so we may live; and humbled so we may be exalted! That’s the amazing and wonderful grace of God!

Christian, whatever good you had in the past, whatever prosperity you have now, and whatever blessings you shall have in the future is all but the fruit of the grace and mercy of God to you! May the goodness of God lead you to repentance. May the grace of God lead us to walk worthy of the Lord, leaving an example to our children and those who will come behind us in this life! See **Phil. 2:5-11**.

CONCLUSION: Which mindset and attitude do you have at this hour? Christian, remember that you were saved because one day God sent a Good Samaritan in your life! It is time to pay back and return the favor to others. See what Paul said in **Rom. 1:14-16**. (Rodelio Mallari)

Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny.



THREE MINDS MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE

They are – the natural mind, the carnal mind, and the spiritual mind.

NATURAL MIND — UNSAVED

1 Corinthians 2:14, “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

This is the person who is not a Christian. He has no spiritual appetite for the things of God. He cannot comprehend spiritual truth. He is dead in trespasses and sin (**Ephesians 2:1**). He may be outwardly religious and morally clean but cannot comprehend the Christian life. His thoughts will be what is right in his own eyes - situation ethics, humanism. The natural mind thinks whatever comes natural to a lost person.

CARNAL MIND — WORLDLY CHRISTIAN

Romans 8:7, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” Example - Lot (See **Genesis 19: 1-26 2 Peter 2:7-9**)

Carnal means “of the flesh.” The carnal mind is a saved person who lives for the flesh. The church at Corinth was full of carnal Christians. Paul called them babies. He said they could only swallow the milk of the Word. They had to be taught when they should have been teaching. They were cliquish, immature, divisive, and easily offended.

The Christian with a carnal mind is not satisfied in Christ alone. He chases after things, amusements, and delights rather than in the things of God. He is quarrelsome, touchy, and often is the source of church problems. He has feeble digestion and cannot get his own food spiritually. Deep Scriptures do not interest him. There is very little difference, if any, between the natural man and the carnal minded man.

The lost see no difference and have no conviction when around a carnally minded Christian. The carnal mind needs to get right with God, be serious, and fill itself with scriptures! (See also **1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Romans 7:14-15; James 4:4.**)

SPIRITUAL MIND–SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN

1 Corinthians 2:15, “But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”

This is the Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit and has a mind full of Scriptures. He is mature, has understanding of spiritual things, has the ability to teach other Bible truths, and is fruitful. He has the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”

If you think the thoughts Jesus did, you will live the way Jesus did. To do that we must think Scriptures - meditate upon them. Because of that, our minds will be going forward, will not be in neutral and will not have a chance to go backward (backslide). The spiritual minded man has a fervent love for the person of Christ and obedience to His word. He also exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his daily life. (See also **Hebrews 5:12, 14; 1 Corinthians 3:3; Galatians 5:22-23.**)

CHECK IN

Have your
passport
ready

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I THOUGHT...

We sat at the airport and watched her. She was immaculately and expensively dressed and approached the check-in desk with all the confidence of an experienced traveller. We could not hear the conversation that took place, but we could read the body language. The clerk shook her head and shrugged her shoulders. The would-be traveller’s bubble of confidence burst and she began to cry. As she walked forlornly away, her tears mixed with her mascara, and ran down her face. What a change!

‘Can we help in any way?’ we asked her. ‘No,’ she wept. ‘My passport is out of date and I cannot travel. I have a most important appointment at my destination and now I’ve missed it. I’ll never have another opportunity. I thought everything was in order. I have no time to get a passport now.’

No one could help her. Her future plans were destroyed. She depended on something false for the future. What a disappointment! Yet multitudes make the same mistake.

I wonder if you are depending on something false for your future. I don’t mean in a physical way, but in a spiritual way regarding your plans to get to Heaven. You may have spent a lot on the outward trappings. Your religious devotions may be in order; and your charitable works could not be questioned, but do you have the correct passport to get to Heaven?

There is only one passport that will take a sinner to Heaven, and it never needs to be renewed. It is very expensive and yet is freely available. The tremendous cost was, “*the precious blood of Christ*” (**1 Peter 1:19**). This alone has the power to cleanse us from our sins (**1 John 1:7**). We cannot do this by our works, “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*” (**Ephesians 2:8**).

This 'passport' is available for all who place their personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternal destiny. *'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life'* (**John 3:16**). It will be too late for you to get the passport when you leave this world. Don't be left crying, 'I thought...'

'Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation' (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).



The cross of Christ is all my boast,
His blood my only plea;
My passport to the realms of bliss
Is **Jesus died for me.**

Point to Ponder *Be not conformed to this world (that is - don't let the world squeeze you into its mould) but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2*

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