

# Three Philosophies

A man in a white robe is carrying a Samaritan on his back. The Samaritan is wearing a brown head covering and a brown tunic. The man is walking on a dirt path, and the background is a blurred landscape with a blue sky and a body of water.

**Luke 10:25-37**  
**Good Samaritan**

# Good Samaritan

- Luke 10:25-37
- Jesus teaches several important lessons in this parable.
  - Who is my neighbor?
  - Who was acting in a neighborly way?
  - Jesus illustrates the 3 primary philosophies we see in our world.

# The Iron Rule



- Iron Rule = What is yours is mine. I will take it.
- Robbers saw an opportunity to take from another.
- “I want it. I will take it.”
- Recent riots near St. Louis – break into stores and steal TV, rims for a car, clothes
- Behind this philosophy – Greed.

# The Iron Rule



- Robbers today
  - **Church** – rob the church of work, talent, resources
  - **God** – of their skills to serve Him
  - **Family** – of love, support, time, discipline
- Many believe “Others should help me when I am in need.”
- BUT: Do they help others?

# The Iron Rule



- **1 Timothy 6:9-10** 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

# The Silver Rule



- Silver Rule = What is mine is mine. I will keep it.
- Priest, Levite – strong spiritual leaders
- This philosophy is:
  - Selfishness
  - Materialistic
  - Love of this world

# The Silver Rule



- Many live by this rule.
- Pass by on the other side:
  - Too busy to be bothered
  - Don't get involved
  - Don't want to get dirty
  - Might cost me some money

# The Silver Rule



- We do not fight for what is right.
- When good men do nothing, evil wins.



# The Golden Rule



- Golden rule = What is mine is yours. I will share it.
- Good Samaritan – was a neighbor to the man beaten and robbed
- Early Christians – shared what they had with those in need – Acts 2 and Acts 4

# The Golden Rule



- **Matthew 7:12** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- This philosophy is:
  - Loving
  - Sharing
  - Caring

# The Golden Rule



- **NOT:**
  - Trying to take from others
  - Trying to selfishly keep what is mine
  - Believing the world OWES him
- **BUT:** Willing to share and help the needy

# Which is your philosophy of life?



- **Iron Rule** – What is yours in mine. I will take it.



- **Silver Rule** – What is mine is mine. I will keep it.



- **Golden Rule** – What is mine is yours. I will share it.