

**FISHING WITH GRACE AND TRUTH**  
**PART 3**  
**“THE LAWYER”**  
**March 18, 2001**  
**Luke 10:25-37**

**INTRO**

**MESSAGE**

**GRACE:** Jesus deals patiently with someone who is just playing games – someone who thinks he has never sinned (25-28).

- ♦ Working for eternal life requires perfect actions toward God and man. (25-28)

➔ The question in most everyone's mind is "What can I do that will please God and move Him to reward me with eternal life?" (25)

1. "If I give enough money surely God will reward my goodness with heaven, won't He?" Acts 8:14-24
2. "If I just try to keep the Ten Commandments and do the best I can what more could God ask?" James 2:10; Galatians 3:10; Romans 3:20,28
3. "If I am baptized and confirmed in a church, doesn't that secure my place in heaven?" Romans 9:1-5; cf Rom. 10: 1-3; Jn 8:31-47
4. "If I live the life of a humanitarian, doing good to all, won't that open heaven's door?" Titus 3:5; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Cor. 1:26-31

➔ Jesus draws out the response that "working for eternal life requires perfect actions" (26-28)

1. I must exercise love toward God from every facet of my being.
2. I must exercise love toward anyone whose need I am able to meet.

**TRUTH:** Jesus uses an object lesson – a parable – to help a “game-player” see that he is a sinner (29-37).

- ♦ Sooner or later, less-than-perfect people fail to do that which is perfect (29-37).
  - ➔ When the lawyer found himself guilty on one count, he tried to plead innocent by claiming that the divine obligations upon his life were not that clear or understandable. (29)
  - ➔ Jesus used a parable to show the lawyer that he had failed even a most obvious test of love (30-37).

## **IMPLICATIONS FOR RELATIONSHIPS**

At Work How do you treat your coworkers? What is your attitude toward your neighbors' needs?

### In the Neighborhood

When was the last time you felt **COMPASSION** to meet a need? (33)

When was the last time that you provided **CARE** to meet a need? (34)

When was the last time that you paid the **COST** to meet a need? (35)

## **APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE**

1. Memorize Galatians 6:9-10.
2. What is one thing that you will do this week to fulfill the command to “all men” in this verse?

Write it out! \_\_\_\_\_