

SERMON NOTES

“Rediscovering your Purpose In Life is not the problem - living it is!”

Key thought: Jesus commands you to live your life on mission to declare the gospel and demonstrate the love of God.

You are on mission as an ambassador of God’s mercy and grace! So...

- **GO** – It’s intentional

- **YOU** – It’s personal

- **DO** – It’s active, not passive

- **SAME** – It’s following the example of Jesus

We may read this passage and think only of “the high cost of caring,” but it is far more costly not to care. The priest and the Levite lost far more by their neglect than the Samaritan did by his concern. They lost the opportunity to become better men and good stewards of what God had given them. They could have been a good influence in a bad world, but they chose to be a bad influence. The Samaritan’s one deed of mercy has inspired sacrificial ministry all over the world. Never say that such ministry is wasted! God sees to it that no act of loving service in Christ’s name is ever lost. It all depends on your outlook. To the thieves, this traveling Jew was a victim to exploit, so they attacked him. To the priest and Levite, he was a nuisance to avoid, so they ignored him. But to the Samaritan, he was a neighbor to love and help, so he took care of him. What Jesus said to the lawyer, He says to us: “Go and keep on doing it likewise.” *Warren Wiersbe*