

## Luke 10:25-28

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### How to get it wrong. Luke 10:25-28

Wrong reason. 10:25 “test”

Wrong responsibility. 10:26 “I do”

Wrong reading. 10:27 “you”

Wrong requirement. 10:28 “do”

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### Yes, but... Luke 10:25-28

Confrontation. 10:25 “test”

Challenge. 10:26 “what must I do”

Clarity. 10:27 “Love the Lord... Love your neighbour”

Confirmation. 10:28 “answered correctly”

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### I’ve got the answer. Luke 10:25-28

Why are you asking me? 10:25 “test”

    All of life is a test. James 1:2-4 “testing of your faith”

    Unbelievers will test me. “stood up to test Him”

What are you asking me? 10:26

    The answer is already recorded. 26a “written”

    The answer is ready to be read. 26b “read it”

You already know the answer. 10:27

    The answer is in your heart. Romans 2:15 “in their heart”

    The answer is in your witness. Matthew 28:18-20 “make disciples”

You don't need to ask me. 10:28  
Scripture is all you need. 28a "answered correctly"  
Perfection is all you need. 28b "Do this and you will live"

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### **Legal eagles and legal turkeys. Luke 10:25-37**

Interpretation of Scripture. 10:25 "expert in the Law"  
God's Word is simple to understand.  
God's Word is deep beyond understanding.

Inspiration of Scripture. 10:26 "written in the Law"  
God's Word was written by people. 2 Peter 1:21 "prophets, though human"  
God's Word was written by God. 2 Peter 1:21 "carried by the Holy Spirit"

Quotation of Scripture. 10:27 "Love the Lord..."  
God's Word can be used to harm. Matthew 4:6, Satan used Scripture.  
God's Word can be used to heal. Proverbs 4:20-22 "These words are life"

Salvation in Scripture. 10:28 "Do this and you will live."  
God's Word cannot save me. 2 Timothy 3:15 "make you wise to..."  
God's Word takes me to Jesus. John 5:39 "Scripture testifies of Me"

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### **Right and wrong. Luke 10:25-28**

Right question, wrong attitude. 10:25  
Right question. 25b "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
Wrong attitude. 25a "an expert in the law stood up to test Him"

Right question, wrong approach. 10:26  
Right question. 26a "What is written in the Law?"  
Wrong approach. 26b "How do you read it?"

Right answer, wrong attitude. 10:27  
Right answer. 27 "Love the Lord... and Love your neighbour..."  
Wrong attitude.

Right answer, wrong application. 10:28  
Right answer. 28a "You have answered correctly"  
Wrong application. 28b "Do this"

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## **Let's be perfectly honest. Luke 10:25-28**

A perfectly honest question. 10:25

Wrong reason. 25a "to test Him"

Right request. 25b "what must I do"

A perfectly honest reply. 10:26

I need to go into the Bible. 26a "What is written"

The Bible needs to go into me. 26b "How do you read it?"

A perfectly honest answer. 10:27

Be right with God. 27a "Love the Lord your God"

Be right with others. 27b "Love your neighbour"

A perfectly honest life. 10:28

Perfect knowledge tells me what to do. "answered correctly"

Perfect obedience grants me salvation. "Do this and you will live"

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## **Answers for those who know everything. Luke 10:25-28**

Dishonest interest in God's Word. 10:25

Devious question. 25a "to test Him"

Deep question. 25b "what must I do"

Subtle differences in reading God's Word. 10:26

Reading with my head. "What is written?"

Reading with my heart. "How do you read?"

No surprises in understanding God's Word. 10:27

Obviously, God is most important. 27a "Love the Lord"

Obviously, others are important. 27b "Love your neighbour"

Requirement of God's Word. 10:28

Know what the Bible says. 28a "answered correctly"

Do what the Bible says. 28b "do this"

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## **You don't need Jesus! Luke 10:25-28**

You don't need Jesus to be an expert in the Bible. 10:25-26

Bible experts (so called) question the Truth. 25a "stood up to test Him"

Bible experts (so called) need salvation. 25b "to inherit eternal life?"

Bible experts (so called) know some facts. 26a "what is written"

Bible experts (so called) need insight. 26b "how do you read"

You don't need Jesus if you are already perfect. 10:27-28

Perfect people (so called) love God perfectly. 27a "all... all... all... all..."  
Perfect people (so called) love others perfectly. 27b "as yourself"  
Perfect people (so called) have all the answers. 28a "correctly"  
Perfect people (so called) live a perfect life. 28b "do this and you will live"

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### **Unravelling right from wrong. Luke 10:25-28**

The right place to start. 10:25

Wrong view of Jesus. 25a "Teacher"

Wrong view of life. 25b "inherit"

The right place to go. 10:26

Right place to find life. 26a "written in the Law"

Right way to find life. 26b "how do you read"

The right relationships to have. 10:27

Right relationship with God. 27a "Love with all"

Right relationship with others. 27b "as yourself"

The right way to live. 10:28

I've got the right answer. 28a "answered correctly"

I've got an impossible task. 28b "do this"

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### **I am right and wrong. Luke 10:25-28**

Right question, but wrong attitude. 10:25

I must see clearly... 25a "Teacher"

...to seek correctly. 25b "eternal life"

Right read, but wrong attitude. 10:26

I must read to know... 26a "What is written"

...to be humble. 26b "How do you read"

Right response, but wrong attitude. 10:27

I know I must love... 27 "Love the Lord... love your neighbour"

...but I can't love. 27 "all... all... all... all... as yourself"

Right answer, but wrong attitude. 10:28

I know what to do... 28a "correctly"

...but I can't do it. 28b "do this"

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## **Lost, with a map in my hand. Luke 10:25-28**

My destination. 10:25

The wrong person can't take me home. 25a "Teacher"

Wrong instructions can't take me home. 25b "do... inherit"

My direction. 10:26

The right instructions will take me home. 26a "written in the Law"

The right orientation will take me home. 26b "How do you read"

My distance. 10:27

The pathway home is impossibly far. 27a "all... all... all... all..."

The pathway home is impossibly hard. 27b "as yourself"

My despair. 10:28

I know how to get home. "correctly"

I can't get myself home. "do this"

This outline is the basis of the accompanying Slidecast

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## **Questions and answers about eternal life. Luke 10:25-28**

Question put to Jesus. 10:25

Asking the wrong person. 25a "Teacher"

Asking the wrong process. 25b "do"

Questions posed by Jesus. 10:26

Ask the right authority. 26a "written in the Law"

Ask in the right attitude. 26b "How (not what) do you read"

Answers put to Jesus. 10:27

Love God with 'all'. 27a "Love the Lord your God with all"

Love people with 'as' 27b "Love your neighbour as"

Answer plus by Jesus. 10:28

Bible tells me what to do. 28a "answered correctly"

Bible can't make me do it. 28b "Do this and you will live"

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## **Other possible titles**

Receiving my inheritance.

Asking loaded questions.

Slow burn to no bang.

It's not what you do, it's who you know. 25 "What must I do"

Claiming your inheritance. 25 "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Are you up for the test?

Pop quiz. Answer this.  
The other way to get saved.  
Jesus is not the only way of salvation!  
When experts agree. Matthew 22:35-40

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## **Music and songs**

Songs about testing  
Thank you for the trials

Songs about inheritance  
Greatly blessed and highly favoured

Songs about eternal life  
Salvation belongs to our God  
Where else have we to go?

Songs about Scripture  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet.

Songs about loving God  
As for me and my house  
I love You Lord, and I lift my voice  
Love the Lord your God with all...

Songs about loving my neighbour  
Brother, sister, let me serve you.  
Reach out to your neighbour.

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## **Cross referencing**

The Scriptures quoted by the expert in the Law

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5 ESV

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord. Leviticus 19:18 ESV

The same question was asked by others:

A ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 18:18

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

Scripture about Jesus as the only way of salvation:

I am the Way, and the truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. John 14:6

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

Later in Jesus’ ministry He faced another incident with some similarities and some differences:

Matthew 22:35-40	Luke 10:25-28
<p><sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the Law, tested Him with a question:</p> <p><sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?”</p> <p><sup>37</sup> Jesus declared, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.</p> <p><sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’</p> <p><sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”</p>	<p><sup>25</sup> One day an expert in the Law stood up to test Him.</p> <p>“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”</p> <p><sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” Jesus replied. “How do you read it?”</p> <p><sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’</p> <p><sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus said. “Do this and you will live.”</p>

### Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. When was a time that you got lost?
2. Why did you get lost? Why do we lose things?
3. In Luke 10:25 what attitude was displayed by the expert in the Law?
4. In the expert's question what was wrong with: a) calling Jesus 'Teacher'? b) asking 'What must I do'? and c) assuming eternal life could be 'inherited'?
5. Jesus' answer was two questions (v26). Why do I need the challenge of both of those questions?
6. What did Jesus think (v28) of the expert's answer (v27)? Does the expert's answer satisfy his original question (v25)? Why, or why not?