

Three Philosophies Of Life

Introduction. A theory or attitude held by a person that acts as a guiding principle for behavior is referred to as a "philosophy." Our lives follow certain "philosophies" whether we make a conscious choice to do so or not. This lesson explores three ways or "philosophies" that we could follow when it comes to our fellow man.

I. ***"I Will Get What You Have If I Can"***

- A. The robbers (Luke 10:25-30).
- B. Eli's sons (1 Samuel 2:15-17).
- C. The men of Shechem (Judges 9:22-25).
- D. The man in Nathan's parable (2 Samuel 12:1-4).

II. ***"I Will Keep What Is Mine"***

- A. Nabal (1 Samuel 25:4-11).
- B. The shepherds (Ezekiel 34:7-10).
- C. The rich farmer (Luke 12:16-21).
- D. The rich young man (Matthew 19:21-22).

III. ***"I Will Use What I Have For Others"***

- A. The widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:10-17).
- B. The four lepers (2 Kings 7:8-11).
- C. The lad with the five loaves (John 6:5-9).
- D. The early disciples (Acts 4:32-35).

IV. ***Why Share With Others?***

- A. To show our love for others (1 John 3:17).
- B. To have a good foundation (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- C. That God may love us (2 Corinthians 9:6-9).
- D. To have treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).

Conclusion. In Luke 10:30-37, Jesus taught about the Samaritan who helped the man on the roadside. His conclusion to His disciples was, "Go, and do thou likewise." We should all want to follow the commandment of Jesus in Matthew 7:12. We never know when our souls will be required of us (Luke 12:20). Let us use what we have for others so that we can enter heaven (Matthew 25:34-46).