

NEW LIFE

LAW & ORDER

In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate but equally important groups: The police, who investigate crime, and the district attorneys, who prosecute the offenders. These are their stories.

Motive, Means, Opportunity

- Motive – the reason
- Means – available resources
- Opportunity – chance or opening

Luke 10

Vs 25

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

John 17:3

Eternal life is an intimacy with God

Vs 26-27a

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 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"

Vs 27b

...and, “Love your neighbor as
yourself.”

Vs 28

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

You will live:

- Breathe
- Enjoy real life
- Be active, blessed
- Be fresh, strong, and effective
- Be in full vigor

Vs 29

But he wanted to justify himself, so
he asked Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?"

Vs 30

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

Vs 31-32

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side

Vs 33a

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came
where the man was...

Vs 33b

...and when he saw him...

Vs 33c

...he took pity on him...

Luke 7:11-13

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out-- the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her...

Luke 15:20

So he got up and went to his father.
"But while he was still a long way off,
his father saw him and was filled with
compassion for him; he ran to his son,
threw his arms around him and kissed
him.

Vs 34

He went to him

Opportunity and Motive have
teamed up

Vs 34

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

- Bandaged his wounds
not afraid to get dirty
- Pouring oil and wine
a desire to ease the pain
- Put the man on his donkey
being inconvenienced loses its grip
- Took him to an inn
he rearranged his plans
- And took care of him
invested time

Vs 35

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

➤ Two silver coins
it will cost

➤ Return and reimburse expense
lifestyle not an event

Opportunity and Motive and Means
what a trio

Be careful we may find ourselves
serving 20 to eternal life

Vs 36

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

Vs 37

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

- Do not be afraid to get dirty
- Have a desire to ease the pain
- Let being inconvenienced lose its grip
- Be willing to rearrange your plans
- Be willing to invest the time
- Be willing to pay the cost
- Let it be a lifestyle not an event

Motive
Opportunity
Means