

A Good Risk

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do you ever find yourself “playing it safe” in your faith?**
- 2. How comfortable are you with “getting out of your comfort zone”?**
- 3. Are you more comfortable with a list of “to-do” things instead of relying on someone else?**
- 4. Have you ever made excuses or rationalizations instead of just doing what Jesus says?**
- 5. Are you willing to take a risk on Jesus’ command?**
- 6. Have you ever taken such a risk and come home singing with joy?**



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Luke 10:25–37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”



Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



Wesley's General Rules

These rules are organized into these three basic categories:

- **Do no harm, "avoiding evil of all kinds";**
- **Do good, "of every possible sort, and as far as possible, to all;"**
- **Practice "the ordinances of God," or engage in individual and communal spiritual practices such as prayer, Bible reading, worship and the Lord's Supper.**



What Is Catholic Spirit?

Wesley expressed his understanding of a person of “catholic spirit”

... his heart is enlarged toward all mankind, those he knows and those he does not; he embraces with strong and cordial affection neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. This is catholic or universal love. And he that has this is of a catholic spirit. For love alone gives the title to this character – catholic love is a catholic spirit.

(Ibid. 94)



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