

## THE GOOD SAMARITIAN OF LONG TERM CARE

In the Parable of The Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 the Priest and the Levite passed by on the other side of the road refusing to stop and help the man who had been beaten and robbed and left for dead. There are a few reasons why they refused to stop such as they thought the man was dead or they thought it was an ambush and the man was merely faking it in order to lure passersby in for quick and easy seizure or they may have taken a vow not to touch an unclean person.

Now let's relate this parable to today's way of thinking and behavior by most people where Long Term Care is concerned. For instance, most of the patients I visit have been robbed physically spiritually emotionally and financially by our health care system.

They too have been basically robbed and beaten and left for dead by a healthcare system for profit built on corruption and greed. And just like the Priest and the Levite most of American society refuse to take the time to go visit and help these poor suffering souls out of fear of getting emotionally hurt.

It's not easy I admit but the rewards out way the cost, as we visit and minister to these patients in sharing the kindness, compassion, and love of Christ they are actually ministering to us by sharing their life stories with us and our lives become greatly enriched for it and we become truly blessed in the process. John 14:27

