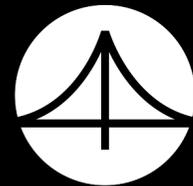


# Luke: The Golden Rule

Luke 6:27-36



**A life of following  
Jesus demands a  
lifestyle that is shaped  
by Jesus, even in the  
face of mistreatment.**

# God's Standard

- Love your enemies
- Jesus isn't commanding warm, fuzzy feelings, but loving actions

**Luke 6:27-36**

“In New Testament categories..., love is not something primarily that happens to us. Love, rather, is a duty, a requirement. Love has more to do with activity than it has to do with feeling. What Jesus is saying simply is this, ‘Be loving to your enemies.’ We may not be able to control how we feel about them, but we certainly can control what we do about those feelings.”

**- RC Sproul**

# God's Standard

- Love your enemies
  - Jesus isn't commanding warm, fuzzy feelings, but loving actions
  - The test of obedience: If someone were to ask this enemy whether you care for them and seek their good, how would they respond?

**Luke 6:27-36**

# God's Standard

- Do good to those who hate you
- Bless those who curse you
- Pray for those who abuse you
- Turn the other cheek

**Luke 6:27-36**

“Love is available, vulnerable, and subject to repeated abuse. Offering the other cheek is not so much an active pursuit as it is a natural exposure when one reaches out to those who have contempt.”

**- Darrell Bock**

# God's Standard

- If someone takes your jacket, let them take your shirt too
- Don't demand back the things people steal from you
- Give to everyone who begs from you

**Luke 6:27-36**

# God's Standard

- What you want others to do to you,  
do to them

**Luke 6:27-36**

“What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others”

- **Confucius**

# God's Standard

- What you want others to do to you, do to them
  - A proactive command - obedience requires action
  - Seeks to fulfill “below the surface” desires, not just “surface level” ones
  - Do you seek to be a servant, or do you act entitled?

**Luke 6:27-36**

# The World's Standard

- Do good to others when we'll receive something in return

**Luke 6:27-36**

# God's Provision

- God only calls us to do these things because He's already doing them - for us

**Luke 6:27-36**

“He was [vaguely] conscious that the pardon of this priest was the greatest assault and the most formidable attack which had moved him yet; that his [stubbornness] was finally settled if he resisted this [kindness]; that if he yielded, he should be obliged to renounce that hatred with which the actions of other men had filled his soul through so many years, and which pleased him; that this time it was necessary to conquer or to be conquered; and that a struggle, a colossal and final struggle, had been begun between his viciousness and the goodness of that man.”

**- Les Miserables**

“His conscience weighed in turn these two men thus placed before it,—the Bishop and Jean Valjean. Nothing less than the first was required to soften the second... As the Bishop grew great and resplendent in his eyes, so did Jean Valjean grow less and vanish. After a certain time he was no longer anything more than a [shadow]. All at once he disappeared. The Bishop alone remained; he filled the whole soul of this wretched man with a magnificent radiance.”

**- Les Miserables**