

Luke 6:27-38

The Golden Rule is full of dross

²⁷ 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you...

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Luke 6:31

P1 6:27-34
Give to everyone who asks you. v30

P2 6:27-28,35
Jesus does say to give money!
. your enemies, do to those who hate you, those who curse you, for those who... v27-28

P3 6:35-36
The Most High is

Your Father is
"Be... just as you Father..." v36
You must be because I am holy.
Lev.11:44, 11:45, 19:2, 20:7, 1P1:16, 1Th.4:3

P4 6:35-37
Love is the best for the other person, no matter what the cost.
Detour 1. Eph.3:16-19, Eph.1:17-19.
Also Phil.1:9-11, Col.1:9-12, Matt.6:9-13
Detour 2. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

P5 6:38
Give, and it will be given to you. v38
Matt.10:42, Act 10:4, Jer.31:16, Matt.25:21

My prayer priorities, 8 April 2018

This week's song selection

Salvation belongs to our God | All I wanna do is praise Your name | Live with abandon | I want to praise You Lord much more than I do | Thank You Lord for giving Yourself to us | Reach out to your neighbour | speak o Lord | He's everything to me

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. Do you tend to give money to beggars? Why, or why not?
2. What do you think life was like for lepers and paralytics after Jesus healed them and they could no longer legitimately beg for a living?
3. Remember the picture of the child who could not get her own way. Why is that a picture of a child who is loved? I am God's child, so isn't it His job to make me happy? If not, what is His role in my life?
4. Read Luke 6:35-36. What is God's character? How is it changed by people and events? Why is all that of interest to me?
5. Suggest some alternatives to offer someone who asks for money.
6. According to Ephesians 1:17-19a & 3:16-19, what is the wealth that God want to share with us, and what will that wealth do for us?

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