

Life is Relationships

How would you pronounce
Indecence?

“Life is relationships, everything else is just details.”

Matthew 7:12

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Summing up the Torah

3 commands - Micah 6:8

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Summing up the Torah

2 Commands - Isaiah 56:1

“Maintain Justice and do what is right...”

Summing up the Torah

1 Command - Amos 5: 4

4 This is what the LORD says to Israel:

“Seek me and live;

1 Command - Habakkuk 2:4 (Paul quoted)

“The righteous will live by faith.”

Summing up the Torah - Mark 12: 28-31

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

Summing up the Torah - Mark 12: 28-31

29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

4 Corollaries

- 1) How you love God is expressed by how you love people.

$$Y = 7X$$

“20 If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

(1 John 4:20)

The reason we often don't love people well
and treat people well is:
We don't ask God to make it possible.

4 Corollaries

2) Our desire can be shaped by His desire.

What if the good things that I
desire for myself I equally desired
for other people?

What if our greatest desire was for God's will to be done, and what we desired for others was the desires that God had for them? What if God shaped our desires so we desired good things for others even more than we desired good things for ourselves?

4 Corollaries

3) The Golden Rule is Positive

The Golden rule is not about not treating other people poorly. It's about treating other people well...even if we think that they don't deserve it.

4 Corollaries

4) Kingdom Living is the “Good Life!”

James calls the Golden Rule the “Royal Law.”

“If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.” (James 2: 8)

Do we as Kingdom Citizens embrace
the Royal Law?

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