

JESUS SAYS – Live the Golden Rule

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1 Peter 3:18 (AMP) – “For indeed Christ died for sins once for all, the Just and Righteous for the unjust and unrighteous [the Innocent for the guilty] so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit”.

John 15:12-13 (NIV) – “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”.

1 John 4:19-21 (NIV) – “We love because He first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister”.

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV) – “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye”.

Luke 9:53-56 (NKJV) - But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them”. And they went to another village.

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“**see clearly**” = Greek *diabolepo* - “see thoroughly and accurately, comprehending the spiritual meaning”

“The sentiment is that the readiest way to judge the imperfections of others is to be free from the greater ones ourselves. This qualifies us for judging, makes us candid and consistent, and enables us to see things as they are, and to make proper allowances for frailty and imperfection” – **Albert Barnes**

Romans 14:1-4 (NIV) – “Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person’s faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand”.

“Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away; we cut down people in Your name, but the sword was never ours to swing. Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth’s become so hard to see; the world is on their way to you, but they’re trippin’ over me. Always lookin’ around, never lookin’ up, I’m so double-minded; a plank-eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided. Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers” – **Jesus, Friend of Sinners, Casting Crowns**

Matthew 7:6 (NIV) – “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces”.

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2 Peter 2:20-22 (NIV) – “If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed onto them. Of them the proverbs are true: ‘A dog returns to his vomit’, and, ‘A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud’”.

Matthew 7:7-12 (NIV) – “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets”.

1 John 3:16-18 (NIV) – “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possession and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”.

“Ask with confidence and humility. Seek with care and application. Knock with earnestness and perseverance” – **Adam Clarke**