

# JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: The Golden Rule

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:

‘The Golden Rule’”

(Luke 6:27-36)

## INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are focused on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Today Jesus asks, “If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them.” In our confused world, you’ll need discernment to be like Jesus:

I. Discerning people don’t talk about or promote themselves (6:31; Pr. 25:27; 27:2)

II. Discerning people keep their emotions in check (6:27-31; Pr. 12:16; 16:32)

III. Discerning people withhold judgment (6:32-35; Pr. 18:17)

IV. Discerning people weigh their words (6:36; Jas. 1:19)

## CONCLUSION

Jesus asks you three pointed questions now. “If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you?” Jesus’ questions remind us that our hearts must be converted by His grace in order to live out His:

1. Radical counsel (Lk. 6:27-30)

2. Surprising treatment (Lk. 6:31)
3. Extraordinary forgiveness (Lk. 6:35-36; Gen. 50:20)

Jesus practiced all this on the cross for our salvation! Now He calls us to follow in His steps with our behavior!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Luke 6:31, 'Do to others as you would have them to do to you.' Why does

obeying Jesus' command require your regular, daily action? How does obeying

Jesus' command require more than merely living by the popular precept, "Do no

harm", which many Christians seem content to live by? How is Luke 6:31 at

odds with the precept, "Do no harm"? Which do you practice? Why?

2. Jesus asks a series of questions in Luke 6:32-34. Please read them again now.

What point is Jesus trying to drive home for us? Why? Why are His questions so

powerful and timeless?

3. Today's Bible study surfaces four ways Christ's true followers will be radically

different from cultural Christians and from this selfish era in which we live.

Which of the four do you find the hardest to live out daily? Why? Which one

comes most naturally for you? Explain.

4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F My friends and family would say I talk about and promote myself.

T F I am good at ruling over my emotions and living beyond them.

T F People who know me would say I am stubborn and unforgiving.

T F My words are filled with grace and encouragement.

T F If someone wrongs me or hurts my people, I never forgive.

T F My rule is "Do no harm" rather than The Golden Rule.

T F Because I need God's grace, I extend grace to others, all others.

T F I pray and work hard to withhold judgment of others.

5. I would give my usual discernment an: A B C D F (circle one).

6. Did Jesus love His enemies, bless those who cursed Him, and pray for those who

mistreated Him? When? Read Luke 23:32-49 and I Peter 1:21-24. Why did

Jesus do all this? What will your life look like if you follow in His steps? With

the help of God's Holy Spirit, will you live like Jesus?

7. If discerning people keep their emotions in check and refuse relational drama,

how discerning are you at this point in your walk with Christ? Are you keeping

your emotions in check, and living beyond your feelings? Try to

remember a

recent example that supports your answer.

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: