

Luke 6:27-38 **Commandments of Jesus** (see also Matthew 5:21-48)

Return good for evil – Love your Enemy

27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

29 To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also.

And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.

30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.

Golden Rule

31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Saintly Love vs. Worldly love

32 But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

Godly Righteousness – Love your Enemy – Reward in Heaven

35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Godly Mercy

36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Judge Not - Forgive

37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Generosity Rewarded

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.

Your Reward will be Just and Proportional

For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Godly Living aligns with God from the heart

✚ The message is for those who have ears to hear. [Luke 6:27]

✧ God is always looking for those who are willing to hear and have hearts to understand.

[Deuteronomy 29:2-4, Proverbs 2:1-2, 15:31, 18:15, 22:17, 23:12, Isaiah 6:9-10, 32:3, 42:23, 55:3, Jeremiah 5:20-21, 6:10, 7:12-15, 25:4, Ezekiel 3:10, 12:1-2, Zechariah 7:8-13, Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:15, 13:43, Mark 4:9, 23, 7:16, 8:13-21, Luke 8:8, 14:35, Acts 28:26-27, Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22, 13:9, 22:18-19]

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✚ Love your enemies. [Luke 6:27, 35, Matthew 5:44]

✚ Do good to those who hate you. [Luke 6:27, 35, Matthew 5:44]

✚ Bless those who curse you. [Luke 6:28, 35, Matthew 5:44]

✚ Pray for those who spitefully use you. [Luke 6:28, 35, Matthew 5:44]

- ✚ To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. [Luke 6:29, Matthew 5:39, Lamentations 3:30]
- ✚ And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. [Luke 6:29]
- ✚ Give to everyone who asks of you. [Luke 6:30, Matthew 5:42, Deuteronomy 15:7-8]
- ✚ And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. [Luke 6:30, Matthew 5:42]

Golden Rule

- ✚ And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. [Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12]

Saintly Love vs. Worldly love

- ✚ If your love and righteousness does not exceed the love and righteousness of worldly sinners, you gain no extra reward for it. [Luke 6:32-34]
 - ✧ Jesus even said: " Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven." [Matthew 5:20]
 - ✧ The Scribes and Pharisees were the ultra religious sect of Judaism and were considered to be authorities from which the "Orthodox" Jews of today base their form of religion.

Godly Righteousness – Love your Enemy – Reward in Heaven

- ✚ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. [Luke 6:35]
 - ✧ God Most High sets the perfect example of love, for He loved us enough to die for us while we were still His enemies. [Romans 5:8]

Godly Mercy

- ✚ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. [Luke 6:36]
 - ✧ God's mercy toward us is our highest example. [Ephesians 2:4-10]
 - ✧ Matthew renders it even more strongly by saying: "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." [Matthew 5:48]

Judge Not

- ✚ Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. [Luke 6:37, Matthew 7:1]
 - ✧ The critical spirit of condemnation is not one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, but is very human and carnal.
 - ✧ The judgment you use in judging others is the same measure by which you will be judged. [Matthew 7:2]
 - ✧ The command not to judge is not an all inclusive command.
 - ✧ We are commanded to judge messages that come our way so that we will be able to discern if the message is from God or from another source. [1 Corinthians 10:14-15, 11:13, 14:29]
 - ✧ We are also commanded to make right judgment concerning right and wrong. [Luke 12:57, John 7:24]
 - ✧ We are also expected to use discernment which requires judgment. [Philippians 1:9, Hebrews 5:14]
 - ✧ Jesus gives us an illustration of what He is referring to, and that is not to be critical and condemning of others for trifling matters when we ourselves are guilty of greater errors.
- ✚ First remove the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye. [Matthew 7:5]
 - ✧ In other words, clean up your own life before you attempt to help someone else with theirs.
 - ✧ Avoid undue criticism of others which leads to strife and destroys relationships.
 - ✧ The vicious tongue that criticizes another for their clothing or hair style or other minor supposed social inferiority, does not edify anyone and is unacceptable to God.

Forgive

- ✚ Forgive, and you will be forgiven. [\[Luke 6:37\]](#)
- ✧ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [\[Matthew 6:14\]](#)
- ✧ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. [\[Matthew 6:15\]](#)
- ✧ It is sobering to realize that God will use our own attitude, as one of the considerations on the day of judgment.
- ✧ It is vitally important to treat others as we want to be treated, because in the end it will show in the day of judgment and impact our own destiny.

Generosity Rewarded

- ✚ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. [\[Luke 6:38\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount: Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. [\[Matthew 5:42\]](#)
- ✧ And again: And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." [\[Matthew 10:42, Mark 9:41\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus advised the rich man: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;" [\[Matthew 19:21, Mark 10:21\]](#)

Your Reward will be Just and Proportional

- ✚ For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." [\[Luke 6:38, Mark 4:24\]](#)
- ✧ This concept also applies to judgment of Mystery Babylon the Great. [\[Revelation 18:7\]](#)