

The Most Famous Verse

Matthew 7:12

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

"The topmost peak of social ethics" ...

Parallels ...

How Jesus' ethics are different ...

Jesus teaches the true nature of _____ ...

This verse doesn't _____ our morality. It _____ it.

Purpose of the Law?

Romans 3:19-26

Relationship of this verse to the rest of the Sermon on the Mount?

The "so/therefore" context:

The key consideration:

The **roots** of this broad statement:

_____ v. _____ view of the Law and Prophets:

This is a _____ interpretation of the Law and the Prophets, not a _____ for them!

³⁶ *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"* ³⁷ *And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* (Matt. 22:36-40)

This statement is rooted in sound _____! When you divorce it from that, it loses meaning, power, and applicability.

Getting to **specifics** – practical application of the command to love:

Examples:

"People hear this Golden Rule and they praise it as marvelous and wonderful, and as a perfect summary of a great and involved subject. But the tragedy is that, having praised it, they do not implement it. And, after all, the law as not meant to be praised, it was meant to be practiced. Our Lord did not preach the Sermon on the Mount in order that you and I might comment upon it, but in order that we might carry it out."

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*

This is not an _____ statement about life as it should be. This is the Gospel _____!

- 1) Nearest approach to _____ love we are capable of ...
- 2) Very _____ --- applicable to all situations ...
- 3) Prevents the necessity of laying down hundreds of little rules ...

Conclusion:

Why don't we keep this rule?

The answer is _____!

We are victims (and participants) in the _____.

We hate the _____. (Rom. 8:7)

We are _____. (self-satisfied, self-protective, self-concerned)

How can we keep this rule?

Start with _____!

His holiness

His power/might

How does he see me? Treat me?

See _____ in light of a right view of God!

See _____ as God sees them.

Treat others as God treats me!