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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

The Golden Rule





THE **SERMON** On the Plain

Part 2: Righteous Love

Luke 6:27-38

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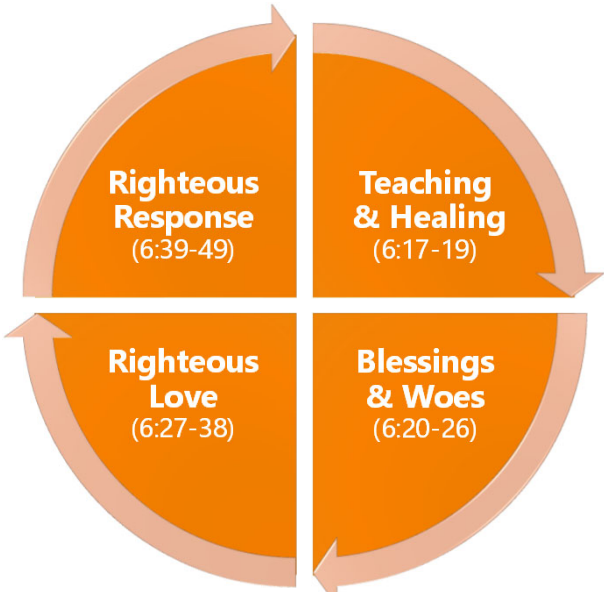
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THE **SERMON** ON THE PLAIN

FOUR PARTS

Luke 6:17-49



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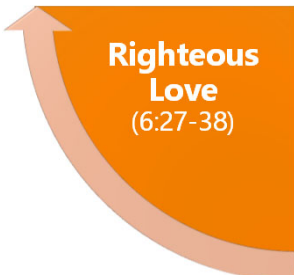
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**Righteous
Love**
(6:27-38)

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**Unconditional
Love**

Luke 6:27-31

**What seven aspects
of unconditional
love does Jesus
identify in this
passage?**

²⁷ "But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don't hold back your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and from someone who takes your things, don't ask for them back. ³¹ Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.

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Unconditional Love

Luke 6:27-31

Notice that the list culminates with "The Golden Rule."

➤ Seven Aspects of Unconditional Love

1. Love your enemies (v. 27a)
2. Do good to those who hate you (v. 27b)
3. Bless those who curse you (v. 28a)
4. Pray for those who mistreat you (v. 28b)
5. Do not retaliate (v. 29a)
6. Give freely (vv. 29b-30)
7. Treat others the way you want to be treated (v31)

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Unconditional Love

Luke 6:27-31

- Do these traits come naturally by human nature?
- Is it easy to practice this type of love in our world today?
- How can we be obedient in practicing unconditional love?
 - ❖ Requires **supernatural enabling**

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Distinctive Love

Luke 6:32-35

32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full.

Distinctive Love

Luke 6:32-35

What is Jesus' point
in versus 32-34?

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Conditional Love is Indistinctive

Unconditional Love is Distinctive

Distinctive Love

Luke 6:32-35

Practicing this kind of love makes us unique and makes others curious.

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Irrational Love

Luke 6:35

Unconditional love is not only distinctive, it is irrational.

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³⁵ But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. **For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil.**

Irrational love emulates the Father's love and can create opportunities for us to share our testimony.

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Merciful Love

Luke 6:36-38

Unconditional love is not only distinctive and irrational, it is also merciful.

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36 Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

To illustrate His point, Jesus gives us five examples of sowing and reaping.

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Merciful Love

Luke 6:36-38

Jesus is speaking about God's forgiveness and the absence of condemnation.

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➤ Sowing & Reaping Examples

1. Mercy will lead to mercy (v. 36)
2. Judgment will lead to judgment (v. 37a)
3. Condemnation will lead to condemnation (v. 37b)
4. Pardon will lead to pardon (v. 37c)
5. Giving will lead to giving (v. 38)

So, to what type of giving is Jesus referring in verse 38?

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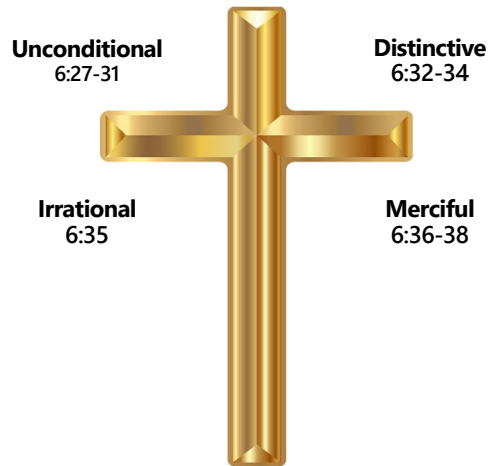
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Righteous Love

Luke 6:27-38

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The Golden Rule *Personified*



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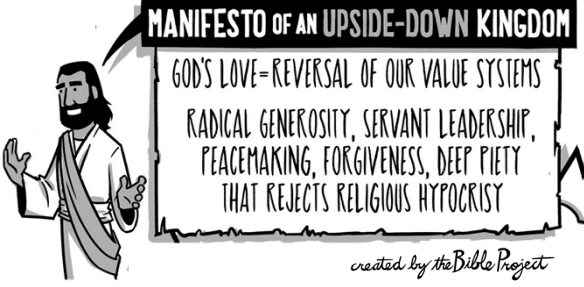
SEVEN WAYS TO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUS – UNCONDITIONAL LOVE:

1. Show a gesture of love to an "enemy" in your life
2. Do good to someone who has been unkind to you
3. Bless someone who has cursed you
4. Pray for someone who have mistreated you
5. Be kind to someone who hurt you rather than retaliating
6. Freely give to someone you know with genuine need
7. Apply the golden rule in a way that is notable and distinctive

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MANIFESTO OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

GOD'S LOVE=REVERSAL OF OUR VALUE SYSTEMS
RADICAL GENEROSITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP,
PEACEMAKING, FORGIVENESS, DEEP PIETY
THAT REJECTS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

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Part 3: Righteous Response

Luke 6:39-49

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