

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday Morning, October 5, 2025

Week 13: Luke 6:27-49 Jesus Teaches on Kingdom Life (communion today)

Luke 6:27-36 Rules of Kingdom Life (Parallel passage: Matt. 5:38-48), Love Your Enemies

Luk 6:27 "But I say to you who hear (**pay attention, listen up**): Love (**meaning to seek the higher good and best for**) your enemies, do good (**continually**) to those who hate you,

Continued Beatitudes; Jesus preaching the Kingdom of God. Sermon on the Plain (short version, Luke 6:20–49) and the Sermon on the Mount (longer version, Matt ch5–7). Many believe this main message was given a number of times in various forms by Jesus as He taught kingdom Life everywhere He went.

Mar 1:15 Jesus saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Love (Gk. agape) is not so much a matter of emotion as it is of doing things for the benefit of another person with an unselfish concern.

Jesus makes it clear you will have enemies. We're inclined to love our friends and hate or avoid our enemies.

Jesus teaches a new way, love that reflects the heart of God, loving even the undeserving and hostile. Jesus loved the whole world even though it was in rebellion against Him. Give them the same respect and rights you desire.

Luk 6:28 "bless (**show kindness to**) those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you (**hurt, mistreat, abuse**).

This ability, depends on trust and dependence on God as He directs. Reflects Christ who loved His enemies, even while on the cross through prayer

Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Luk 6:29 "To him who strikes you on the one cheek (**slaps you on one cheek, as an insult, do not retaliate, but if need be**) offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic (**undershirt**) either (**Gr khiton**) (the garment worn next to the skin).

As believers we will often be subject to abuse or being taken advantage of, we are to face such rejection as the Lord leads by being loving and compassionate rather than by retaliating.

Mat 5:41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Can Believers resolve issues between themselves, and not go to court

1Cor 6:5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

1Cor 6:6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

1Cor 6:7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?

1Cor 6:8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

Jesus resisted evil. Jesus demonstrated with His life that evil should and must be resisted, such as when He turned tables in the temple and when He confronted the religious leaders for their evils.

Luk 6:30 "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods, do not ask (**demand, or try to get**) them back.

Generally Christians should help those who are truly in need as God has provided so share. Seek the Lord in all cases, always desiring to be generous, and communicate truth in love.

Give Generosity to the Poor

Deu 15:7 "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother,

Deu 15:8 "but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

We are not called to give foolishly

2Thes 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat (don't encourage a lazy person to stay lazy).

Luk 6:31 "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise (**treat others, the same way you want them to treat you**).

Mat 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets (The Golden Rule).

Luk 6:32 "But if you love (**only**) those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

Mat 5:46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Luk 6:33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit (**or benefit**) is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

Luk 6:34 "And if you lend (**money and things**) 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 (**to be repaid in full**).

Mat 5:42 "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Luk 6:35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return (**no strings attached**); and your reward will be great (**abundant**), and you will be sons of the Most High (**already sons, demonstrating Gods love and care by imitating God's love and compassion to those who are evil**). For He (**God**) is kind (**and gracious**) to the unthankful (**ungrateful**) and evil (**wicked**).

Love your enemies: Jesus is commanding an unconditional love (agapē) (self-giving, sacrificial, and active love, start with prayer) toward those who are against you, undeserving and may never appreciate it.

Remember this reflects God's kind of giving—freely and graciously, even when we don't deserve it.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

1John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Heb 13:16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Loving Your Neighbor

Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Luk 6:36 "Therefore be merciful (**become compassionate, tenderhearted**), just as your Father (**in Heaven**) also is merciful.

Mat 5:48 "Therefore you shall be perfect (growing in spiritual maturity through Christ in you), just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Luke 6:37-42 Judge Not and Can the Blind Lead the Blind-Parable? (Parallel passage: Matt. 7:1-5, 16-18)

Luk 6:37 "**Judge not, and you shall not be judged.** Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned (**as you condemn others it will come back to you**). Forgive and you will be forgiven (**Lit: release**) (**pardon others when they repent and ask you for forgiveness, just like God did to you**), (**so when you repent and ask for forgiveness it will be given to you**). **Mat 18:21-22** (reminds us of when) Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to Peter, "**I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.**"

Mat 7:1 (Jesus said)"Judge not, that you be not judged.

Mat 7:2 "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Don't be one who is constantly focusing on other people's faults. Forgive, stop judging and condemning and try to seek the positive well-being of others, pray for them.

Judge not, and you shall not be judged: Jesus is warning against self-righteous, critical attitude evaluating others while ignoring your own short comings (faults). Having a judgmental attitude reveals your heart and invites the same standard to be applied to you by God and others.

There are many judgments that we are commanded to judge with righteous judgment (cf John 7:24; 1 Cor 5:5, 12; Gal 1:8, 9; 1 John 4:1-3; 2 John 1:10).

Forgive, and you will be forgiven:

A heart willing to forgive reflects God's heart. If you refuse to forgive others, you show you haven't truly grasped—or received—God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not about ignoring sin, but being willing to pardon when someone repents, just as God does to those who ask.

Jesus was asked by one of the disciples, teach us to pray

Luk 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He(**Jesus**) was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

Luk 11:2 So He(**Jesus**) said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Luk 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Luk 11:4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."

Jesus taught them how to pray but after the amen, He added this conclusion amendment

Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mat 6:15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over (**overflowing blessings**) will be put (**given**) into your bosom (**lap**). For with the same measure (**or standard**) that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luk 6:39 And He(**Jesus**) spoke a parable (**Gk: parable**) to them: "Can the blind lead (**or guide**) the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch (**pit or hole**)?"

Mat 15:14 (**Jesus said**)"Let them (Pharisees) alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

A parable is a short, figurative story or saying that teaches a moral or spiritual lesson.
Jesus is warning that if someone is blind to God's truth, and others follow him blindly, both will end up in ruin (a ditch). It is a visual illustration or metaphor warning people to be careful of who you are following or listening too, are they walking in the truth or are they ignorant of the truth (blind).

This also reminds me of being blind to one's own faults while judging others. Pride blinds a person and is at odds with God (Heb 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5)

You who teach another, do you not teach yourself?

Rom 2:18 and (You who) know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

Rom 2:19 and **are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,**

Rom 2:20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

Rom 2:21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?

Rom 2:22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Rom 2:23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

Luk 6:40 "A disciple (**or student**) is not above (**or greater than**) his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained (**completely trained**) will be like his teacher (**or reach his teacher's level**).

Jhn 13:14 "If I then (am), your Lord and Teacher, (I) have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Jhn 13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (**a great example of servant leadership**).

Jhn 13:16 "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

Luk 6:41 "And why do you look at the speck (suggest an attitude of superiority, pride**) in your brother's eye, but do not perceive (**notice, look or consider**) the plank (**log**) in your own eye?**

Parallel passage in Matthew:

Mat 7:3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

Christians have to be careful of condemning others for things they themselves are guilty of doing.

why do you look: It is sad when someone is always quick to notice flaws in others, but blind to their own faults.

Jesus is not saying we should ignore wrongdoing:

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Dealing with a Sinning Brother

Mat 18:15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

Mat 18:16 "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'

Luk 6:42 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank (or log**) that is in your own eye?**

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Correlation passage:

Rom 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable (without excuse), O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

AMP Therefore you have no excuse or justification, every one of you who [hypocritically], (continually) judges and condemns others; for in passing judgment on

another person, you condemn yourself, because you who judge from a position of arrogance or self-righteousness are habitually practicing the very same things which you denounce.

Practice being a gracious, merciful, humble helper, not a self-righteous accuser.

Jesus is saying examine yourself before passing judgment, He demands honesty, humility, love and integrity within our own lives. Jesus is not condemning all discernment or correction but we need to be led by the Holy Spirit and grace.

Luke 6:43-45 A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit (Parallel passage: Matt. 7:15-20)

Luk 6:43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

Tree = a person (a person with a good, pure, sincere, godly heart will show it through good behavior and words), in the same way (a person with a corrupt or unrepentant heart will eventually show it through bad behavior or harmful speech).

Fruit = a person's words, actions, choices, will reveal good fruit (sweet, useful, nourishing) and bad fruit (bitter, harmful, useless, rotten).

Observing good and bad fruit allows one to judge wisely, themselves and others. The fruit of a good tree is forgiving, giving to others, and loving one's enemies and not judging and condemning others.

Luk 6:44 "For every tree is known (**and identified**) by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns (**thorn bushes**), nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

A Tree Known by Its Fruit

Mat 12:33 (Jesus said) "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Luk 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil (**wicked and depraved**) treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

This teaching isn't just about behavior, it's understanding the source is the heart. The true nature of people's hearts can often be seen over time when they speak without thinking or by their behavior.

Application: what kind of "fruit" is my life producing?

What am I putting in my heart and mind? Garbage in garbage out

Luke 6:46-49 Build Your Foundation on the Rock (Parallel passage: Matt. 7:21-27)

Luk 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do (**or practice**) the things which I say (**or tell you to do**)?"

Saying Jesus is Lord is not enough, lip service is meaningless, You can't just call Jesus "Lord" and ignore His words? The true test is whether His words shape how you live, your actions, relationships, decisions, and priorities, is He included in everything you do!

Luk 6:47 "Whoever comes to Me, and hears (**listens**) My sayings and does them (**obeys and practices them**), I will show you whom he is like:

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

James 1:24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Luk 6:48 "He is like a man (**wise man**) building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded (**built securely**) on the rock.

Luk 6:49 "But he who heard and did nothing (**did not obey**) is like a man (**foolish man**) who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell (**collapsed**). And the ruin of that house was great (**completely destroyed**)."

Application: true discipleship is not about what you say, but about what you do.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Mat 7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Jhn 14:21 (Jesus said)"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Jhn 14:23 ..."If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

End:

Prayers: