

## LUKE Lesson 17

### Chapter 6:27-49 / The Sermon on the Plain / Be As Your Master

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In verse 40, the Lord said, “**Every one that is perfect shall be as his master.**” His sermon on the plain gives some examples of what is expected of us if we choose to be His disciples. Note that the Lord doesn’t ask His disciples to do anything that He wasn’t going to accomplish Himself as their example.

Don’t be fooled by Satan. His tactic is to get you to feed your pride by getting you to depend on your own knowledge and education rather than to look to Jesus Christ and try to live a life like His. We must trust that The Lord’s way of living is the right way, especially if you want others to listen to you when you talk to them about their life. Let others see Jesus in you.

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**27-30** It all starts with love. Jesus commands us to love. That is entirely possible because He will enable you by His Holy Spirit to obey that command. Love is choosing to put the needs of another person ahead of your own. Selfishness (love for self) is the greatest hindrance to loving others.

Love is giving whatever you have for the welfare of others. Jesus gave His whole life so that we could live. He’s not asking us to do anything He didn’t do first in the greatest degree.

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**31-34** Your actions and reactions must shine above the typical, expected responses of an unsaved person:

- Forgive when they expect you to fight back. That will get their attention!
  - Be nice to someone when others expect you to give them the brushoff.
  - Love when the world thinks you ought to hate.
  - Treat people with love, patience, and kindness rather than the expected hate, intolerance, and cruelty.
  - Remember what Jesus suffered for you—and BECAUSE of you! How do you want God to treat you when you do wrong? —How do you want others to treat you (vs 31)?
    - Men call this “the golden rule” (Le 19:18; Ro 13:9; Ga 5:14; Mt 7:12)
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**Vs 35** Believers have a higher calling than the worldlings. WE are to love our enemies and be kind to the unthankful and the evil. Jesus showed us how (Luke 17:12-19). He promised that the good you do today will be repaid. Don’t give up when you don’t see that happen right away. The Lord is keeping records in Heaven and He promised you a reward.

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**Vs 36** Be merciful. Withhold the punishment you think someone deserves for their wrongdoing. Aren’t you glad God showed you mercy?

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**Vs 37** This judging is in the context of being merciful as an alternative. Do you want God to judge you or show you mercy? Do likewise.

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**Vs 38** Giving: The Lord asks us to give and to consider it an investment, not a loss. (Eccl 11:1).

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**39-40** We're aiming for perfection (to be complete in Christ). Given time, we'll be everything God wants us to be as He performs a good work in us (Php 1:6, Heb 13:21). We are to aim to be like Christ, not to know what He knows.

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**41-42** Why are you monitoring your brother so closely, looking for motes (specks)? If you're keeping the brethren under your surveillance, hoping to catch them doing wrong so you can show them your vast knowledge of the Bible as you correct them, you'd better first get the beam out of your own eye. You're guilty of the same things that you condemn others for (Rom2:1).

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**43-45** Just as there is an obvious difference between corrupt fruit and good fruit, there ought to be a striking difference between a good man and an evil man. Men's words testify what they are in their heart. We may be able to hide it when we choose to, but our true nature always reveals itself eventually.

*"What you are in your heart when you're by yourself with your thoughts is what you are destined to become." A. W. Tozer*

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**Vs 46** When we pray, we call upon the Lord. Is He really your Lord, or is that just a name or title that you use to address Him? If He is your Lord, you will obey Him.

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**47-49** The Lord didn't promise you that by following Him you would avoid troubles and trials in this life. He taught that by building your life upon the Rock (Jesus Christ), you would be able to endure whatever storms or floods (difficult times) come against you.

Yield to the Holy Spirit of God and be a doer of the word and not a hearer only (James 1:22) and you'll be able to withstand the troublous times in your life. Knowledge of the Bible won't help you if you don't learn to put it into practice.

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