

Respect Others

The Way of Love – Part 6

Life Church St. Louis – February 23, 2020

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James 3:9-10 (ESV) With it [our tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Luke 6:31 (ESV) And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Luke 6:35-36 (ESV) But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

1. Respect other's _____

Exodus 20:15 (ESV) You shall not steal.

1A. Be _____

Leviticus 6:2 (ESV) "If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through robbery, or if he has oppressed his neighbor

Leviticus 6:5-6 (ESV) or anything about which he has sworn falsely, he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt. And he shall bring to the priest as his compensation to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent for a guilt offering.

1B. Take _____

Exodus 22:1 (ESV) "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

Exodus 22:5 (ESV) "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over, or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best in his own field and in his own vineyard.

2. Engage in _____ transactions

Exodus 22:25 (ESV) "If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.

2A. Practice _____

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 (ESV) "You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns. You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the LORD, and you be guilty of sin.

2B. Assure _____

Deuteronomy 25:15-16 (ESV) A full and fair weight you shall have, a full and fair measure you shall have, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the LORD your God.

3. Give to the _____

3A. Provide _____

Deuteronomy 24:19 (ESV) "When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

3B. Have an _____ hand

Deuteronomy 15:11 (ESV) For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____
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Respect Others Study Guide

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Intro. What types of people are we tempted to not treat with respect?

Intro. Why should we only bless others, no matter how they treat us (James 3:9-10)?

Intro. How should we respond to unbelievers who attack us according to 1 Peter 3:14?

Intro. How did Jesus teach us to react to our enemies (Luke 6:31, 35-36)?

1A. What does Exodus 20:15 refer to when it commands us not to steal?

1B. What types of sins are noted in Leviticus 6:2-6 and what does God's law require as a consequence?

1C. Do you think negligence that results in someone else's loss can be a moral as well as an economic issue (Exodus 22:1-5)? Explain.

1D. What are some ways we are tempted to act dishonestly and how might we be inclined to justify yielding to that temptation?

2A. Why do you think God told His people to charge no interest when lending to the poor (Exodus 22:25)?

2B. In light of Deuteronomy 24:14-15, how should the way Christians treat each other differ from the generally accepted practices of the world around us?

2C. What are the consequences of having or lacking integrity in business dealings (Deuteronomy 25:15-16)?

2D. What consequences do Christians face today when they lack integrity?

3A. According to Deuteronomy 24:19-22, how did God ensure that the poor had the necessary provisions?

3B. What does it mean to have an open hand toward the needy and poor (Deuteronomy 15:11)?

3C. In what ways must we seek to meet both the material and spiritual needs of the poor?

3D. How must one be careful to not enable a person in their poverty with our help (2 Thessalonians 3:10)?

3E. In what ways is supporting missions, giving generously to the poor?