The Most Misunderstood Commandment

Luke 6:37-49

Getting Started

When and Why do people throw "Judge not or you will be judged" into the conversation with Christians?

Key Ideas for Discussion

- 1. A Generous Heart (v.37-38)
- 2. A Genuine Life (v.39-49)
 - Disciples Live as an Ambassador for Jesus
 - Disciples Live Authentically with One Another
 - Disciples Live Abundantly out of a Changed Heart
 - Disciples Live Anchored to Jesus

Takeaway Truth: Followers of Jesus are characterized by a generous heart and a genuine life.

Exploring the Text

- ❖ How do verses 37-38 complement verses 27-36?
- ❖ What specific promises do you find in v.37-38 and what do they mean? How does the context shape your understanding of these promises? How could these promises be misunderstood?
- ❖ What is the main point of the proverbs Jesus quotes in v. 39-40?
- ❖ What is the main point of the speck and the log parable in v. 41-42?
- ❖ What is the main point of the good fruit/bad fruit analogy in v. 43-45?
- ❖ What is the main point of the home construction parable in v. 46-49?

Digging Deeper

- What is Jesus NOT saying and saying in verses 37? Are there examples within the Bible you can point to that support your interpretation and application?
- What is the difference between "judgmentalism" and "judging"?
- How do you respond to someone making a judgement about you versus judgementalism? How do you know the difference?
- ❖ From within the text, what proof do we see that Jesus forbids "judgmentalism" and not the act of "judging" or "assessing the situation/person"?

Apply It

What would you point to as evidence that you are anchored to Jesus?

Think About It

Christ's followers are to have a highly cultivated sense of right and wrong and to make subtle moral judgments. Christ's exhortation "do not judge" contains no suggestion of moral flabbiness or an abdication of moral responsibility. (R. Kent Hughes)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Chris Quilala, 2016

There were walls between us, by the cross you came and broke them down, you broke them down. And there were chains around us By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave, you called me into the light, You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Your love is greater, your love is stronger, Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life, I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken,
All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive.

And what a love we've found, death can't hold us down We shout it out, we're alive 'cause your alive.

THE LAMB, THE LION, THE KING Words and Music by Meredith Andrews, Ethan Hulse, and Jacob Sooter, 2023

You were the rescue plan from the beginning. Our sacrificial lamb who bled for our healing. The scars on Your perfect hands, the seal of new covenant. Through Your suffering death has lost its sting.

You are and You always will be the Savior of the world who gave everything for me, The One all of heaven calls worthy, the Lamb, the Lion, the King.

Your body inside the grave, the Spirit was waring. You stormed the accuser's gates like a lion roaring. Heir to the highest throne, the kingdom is Your alone. Through Your victory death has lost its sting.

One day we'll hear Your name from every nation. You'll walk through the eastern gate for Your coronation. All hail the one true King who reigns for eternity, and every living thing will join their voice and sing.

KING OF KINGS

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram, 2019

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, till from heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word from a throne of endless of glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath till that stone was moved for good, for the Lam had conquered death. And the dead rose from their toms, and the angel stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Words by Samuel J. Stone, 1866 / Music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy Bride; with his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food. And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; 'Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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SUNDAY | Ps. 103; Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18; Luke 9:18-27 MONDAY | Ps. 5; Proverbs 27:1-12; Philippians 2:1-13; John 18:15-27 TUESDAY | Ps. 42; Proverbs 30:1-33; Philippians 3:1-11; John 18:28-38 WEDNESDAY | Ps. 27; Amos 5:6-15; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14 THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Habakkuk 3:1-18; Phil. 3:12-21; John 17:1-8 FRIDAY | Ps. 22; Ezekiel 18:1-32; Philippians 4:1-9; John 17:9-19 SATURDAY | Ps. 31; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Phil. 4:10-20; John 17:20-26

PRAYER OF CONFESSON | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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