
'The Best Kind of Help We can Give'

Know the Real Jesus

Luke 6:37-42 ESV

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³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

Do unto others what you would like done unto you:

1) Let's be really **discerning** and **cautious** with judging and condemning, and really **generous** in forgiving just like God in Jesus has forgiven us everything.

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I now know what 'not' to do... but what 'do' I do?

"(Jesus) - If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Matthew 18:15

*"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people - not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge. God judges those outside. Purge the evil person from among you." **1 Corinthians 5:9-12***

Do unto others what you would like done unto you:

2) Be careful that our response to others is not an **over- reaction** to our own internal struggles with a similar sin.

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v39-42a

Learning from Jesus in our fight against hypocrisy

“Jesus stood up and said to her: Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? She said: ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said: Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” **John 8:10-11**

“He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly” **1 Peter 2:22-23**

Do unto others what you would like done unto you:

3) Ask honestly: Will my approach **help** or **humiliate**? If we confess & forsake our own sin - then we see **clearly** to help.

“...first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.” **vs 42b**

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:1-2**

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