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KINGDOM ETHICS | MATTHEW 7:12-14

I. Kingdom Ethics encourages charitable action without _____ of reciprocation.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." v. 12

DEVELOP DEEP _____ THAT ARE NOT GOVERNED BY RULES.

II. Kingdom Ethics is the way of heaven but doesn't _____ your way to heaven.

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." vv. 13-14

ETHICAL SYSTEMS COMPARED	
Worldly Ethics	Kingdom Ethics
WIDE spacious, accommodating	NARROW specific, focused
EASY comes naturally, avoids conflict	HARD surrender, self-denial
MANY majority	FEW minority
DESTRUCTION eternal punishment	LIFE eternal life

DEVELOP CONSISTENT _____ THAT KEEP YOU ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW.

III. Kingdom Ethics has been demonstrated perfectly and _____ with expectations.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus ... Philipians 2:3-5

DEVELOP AUTHENTIC _____ TO THE ONE WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO YOU.



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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. In his sermon on Kingdom Ethics the pastor mentioned what's called the Golden Rule: "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." In what specific situations should we apply the Golden Rule? Are there any situations in which it's foolish to apply it?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 7:12

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 7:12-14

"There have always been but two systems of religion in the world. One is God's system of divine accomplishment, and the other is man's system of human achievement.

... In perfect harmony with His absolute sovereignty, God has always allowed men to choose Him or not, and He has always pleaded with them to decide for Him or face the consequences of a choice against Him. Since mankind turned their backs on Him in the Fall, God has bent every effort and spared no cost in wooing His creatures back to Himself. He has provided and shown the way, leaving nothing to man but the choice. God made His choice by providing the way of redemption. The choice is now man's.

... The choice is between the one and the many—the one right and the many wrongs, the one true way and the many false ways. There are not many roads to heaven, but one. There are not many good religions, but only one. Man cannot come to God in any of the ways that man himself devises, but only in the one way that God Himself has provided.

... The way to life is on God's terms alone; the way to damnation is on any terms a person wants, because every way but God's leads to the same fate."

JOHN MACARTHUR

*To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High Way,
And the Low Soul gropes the Low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.*

—British poet John Oxenham

2. Read Matthew 7:12-14. Jesus says the gate to enter heaven is narrow (some have even suggested that a turnstile represents this idea even better). Why would He say the path to heaven is hard and the gate so narrow? Why is the path to destruction easy and the gate wide?

3. In what ways have you personally experienced the narrowness of the gate that Jesus tells us to enter? How has the path been hard?

4. Read Philippians 2:3-10. Describe what it looks like for a person to have the mind of Christ (v. 5). How does having the mind of Christ help us live out Kingdom Ethics?

5. To what relationship do you most need to apply Kingdom Ethics over the next week?

JOURNAL Matthew 7:12-14

We apply Kingdom Ethics when we make it a habit to constantly evaluate our actions toward others. Evaluate your actions in a current relationship with these questions:

1. What action would reflect the kind of grace, mercy and love shown to me by my loving heavenly Father?
2. What action would best represent the gracious work Christ wants to do in the world through me?
3. What actions would I like to have shown toward me if I were in the same situation?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER We look forward to seeing all God will do through your faithful prayers as we join together Thursday, May 5 for an hour of corporate prayer from Noon to 1 p.m. As a church family, we will pray on behalf of our country, church and city. Join us here in the Sanctuary and be a part of our kick-off corporate prayer event. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

THE STORY OF OUR SALVATION Explore the first eight chapters of Romans with Pastor Andy Bowen starting Sunday, May 15, at 10:45 a.m. in The Den. From creation to glory, you will explore topics that provide a deeper understanding of God and creation, the purpose of the law, the meaning of faith and righteousness, death and substitution, life and the Holy Spirit—just to name a few. Learn how your experience of walking with God grows as you discover the story of your salvation. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

REENGAGE IS HOPE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE Reengage offers hope to marriages by helping couples move toward oneness through stories of grace, teaching and small groups. Whether you would rate your marriage as a two or 10, whether you're in need of serious help or looking to strengthen a good marriage to a great one, there's a place for you. Join us here at the Fort Worth Campus starting Sunday, Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. You can register today by going to ccbcfamily.org/reengage.

AVENEW WEEKEND From dating and engaged to newly married, couples are welcome to our AVENEW weekend conference starting Friday, May 13. You'll receive a biblical framework to model as you walk out the Lord's plan for your marriage. AVENEW weekend is an intensive two-day conference-style event equivalent to twelve weeks of learning. Learn more or sign up at ccbcfamily.org/events.

FATHER AND SON RETREAT Our days can quickly become full of distractions that take our eyes away from God's mission for our lives. Training our sons requires continually pressing into Jesus and biblical community. You don't have to do this alone and that's why we would love for you to join us on Saturday, Apr. 30 for a day full of Nerf battles, ziplines, challenging climbs, ropes course and more! Spend a day with your son that he will never forget, be encouraged by fellow fathers, and maybe even invite another father/son team to come learn about the gospel and the love of Jesus. Register and learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.



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