

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 122. Summary of duty: essence of our obligation: love. First God, then others.

Main Point of Text: Jesus teaches the Biblical Ethic: because God is good to you who are evil, you must do good to everyone else.

Sermon Point: *Love like Jesus.*

Move 1: The essence of everything the Bible teaches is love.

LC: “sum of the six commandments”: what it is all based on and how it all works:

- Close of Mt. 22:39 is vs. 40: *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*
- Summary of Golden Rule (Mt. 7:12): ... *for this [Golden Rule] is the law and the prophets.*
- Law puts God and others first. Like Jesus.
- Love not emotion but affection (choice/decision) to direct how treat others.

Move 2: Love is your attitude toward others.

LC: “love our neighbour as ourselves”: Mt. 22:39: *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*: Context: Pharisee testing Jesus with: “Which is greatest commandment?”

- Meant to be trap by setting one of Ten Commandments over against another. Jesus hits heart: *love.*
- 1st area of heart: attitude toward God with everything in you (Deut. 6:5). First four of Ten.
- 2nd area of heart: attitude toward brethren. Quotes Lev. 19:18; first part: don't avenge/bear grudge.
- Other side of Lev. 19:18: Lev. 19:17, don't hate brother in heart.

Move 3: Your attitude of love will take action upon others.

LC: “do to others what we would have them to do to us”: *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them ...* (Mat 7:12). Golden Rule. Mutual justice. Community:

- Not passive. Proactive. Not just avoiding conflict, working on relationship. Not passive aggressive.
- Part of Sermon on Mount. Vs. 3: take mote out of your eye before you worry about speck in others.
- Eph. 5:28-33: husbands to love wives like their own body. A good test: READ 1 Cor. 13:4-8a.

Conclusion:

Law and prophets are about Him (John 5:46; Luke 24:27, 44;). Mt. 7:12: “therefore”: Vss. leading into 11: you are evil, and God is yet good to you. So of course you can be good to one another. Similar to “rains on evil and good”, Mt. 5:44-45. How can Jesus expect this? Rm. 5:6, 8; While you were yet enemies with God, Christ died for you!

Love like Jesus.