**Wonderful Words of Life: The Sermon on the Mount**

**“The Golden Rule”**

**Matthew 7: 9 – 12**

**God is a good Father who gives the good gifts of righteousness to those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

**Verse 9 is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from what Jesus has just taught us in verses 7-8 and what He is going to teach us about how we should relate to one another verse 12.**

**Even the greatest example of human goodness, love, selflessness, and humility cannot compare with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ goodness, love, selflessness, and humility.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ love of the Father is reflected in His goodness, love, selflessness, and humility so ask Him and believe Him to give you the spiritual realities that Jesus has taught and that you long for.**

**God’s character of goodness, love, selflessness, and humility should be seen and evidenced in the same ways by His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God’s own example of self-giving, sacrifice, a laying down of our self, and a willingness to go without should be evidenced and seen in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who has Jesus living in their heart.**

**In this one verse (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ summarizes essentially all that He has taught us in the Sermon on the Mount in one succinct and clear statement.**

**What Jesus is commanding us in verse 12 is more than abstaining from certain behavior; it is in reality a call to love by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus says that those who are children of His good Father are those whose lives that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marked with prideful, selfish, “me first no matter what” motives. Rather  those of the kingdom are the ones who take the same concern we have for ourselves and apply it to others.**

**Jesus teaches us that “How we treat others is not to be determined by how we expect them to treat us or how we might determine that they ‘deserve’ to be treated. Instead, we are to treat others how we would wish and would want for them to do to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**A marriage relationship is to be made up of the same type of goodness, love, selflessness, and humility that God displays for us His children.**

**Two questions to aid you doing to others what you wish they would do to you; always ask:**

1. **How can I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God in this situation?**
2. **How can I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this other person the way I would want to be in this situation?**

**Jesus says the thing that should be on the child of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a desire to regularly and often do unto others what you would wish that they would do unto you.**

**Jesus gives us here in the golden rule the very life ethic that by God’s power will keep us in check and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as believers.**

**To even sincerely desire to live in a way in which you do unto others as you would wish they would do to you is true righteousness and evidence of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s work in you.**

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**Congregational Scripture Reading – Mark 12: 28-31**

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.