

## Gospel According to Luke 6:31 – 45

New American Standard Version

1    <sup>31</sup> “Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.  
2    <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you?  
3    For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do  
4    good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to  
5    you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those  
6    from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to  
7    you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back  
8    the same *amount*. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good,  
9    and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will  
10   be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He  
11   Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful,  
12   just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you  
13   will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be  
14   condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. <sup>38</sup> Give, and  
15   it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good  
16   measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over.  
17   For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you  
18   in return.” <sup>39</sup> And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind  
19   man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both  
20   fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A pupil is not above his teacher; but  
21   everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his  
22   teacher. <sup>41</sup> Why do you look at the speck that is in your  
23   brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own  
24   eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me  
25   take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do  
26   not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first  
27   take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see  
28   clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.  
29   <sup>43</sup> For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on  
30   the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For  
31   each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather  
32   figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.  
33   <sup>45</sup> The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings  
34   forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure*  
35   brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that  
36   which fills his heart.”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

**Observation (What does it say?):**

*Circle everything about discipline or judging.*

*Underline everything about forgiveness or restoration.*

**Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

*What conclusions do you draw from this passage about judging others?*

*What conclusions do you draw from this passage about discipline among believers?*

*What conclusions do you draw from this passage about forgiveness and restoration?*

**Application (What does it mean for me?):**

*Is your first reaction to another person’s sin usually judging and discipline, or is it more often forgiveness and restoration?*

*Which of these areas do you most need to grow in? What changes might result in your life as a result?*

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## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### **Observation** (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

### **Interpretation** (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### **Application** (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,  
but draw everything from them,  
and suffer nothing to remain hidden  
that is really in them.  
J.A. Benael (1687-1752)**