

The Golden Rule

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The Bible

John 13:31 Jesus said,34,35

31 Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Matt 7:1-13

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 ¶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 ¶ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

1 Sam 24:1-22

1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the shepercotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the Lord said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's

skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.

7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 ¶ And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

12 The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the Lord had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

Luke 10:25-37

25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Acts 9:36-42

36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.
37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.
38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.
39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.
40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.
42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

James 2:1-10

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
5 Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the

judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

1 Peter 3:8,9

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy

572:6-18

6	"Love one another" (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer. In Science we are children of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mortal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the inverted image of spirituality.	Native nothingness of sin
9	Love fulfils the law of Christian Science, and nothing short of this divine Principle, understood and demonstrated, can ever furnish the vision of the	Fulfilment of the Law
12	Apocalypse, open the seven seals of error with Truth, or uncover the myriad illusions of sin, sickness, and death. Under the supremacy of Spirit, it will be seen	
15	and acknowledged that matter must disappear.	
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40:25-13

27	Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all men should follow the example of our Master and his apostles and not merely worship his personality. It is sad that the phrase <i>divine service</i> has come so generally to mean public worship instead of	Service and worship
30	daily deeds.	
1	The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and	Within the veil
3	this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions.	
6	Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.	

9 The God-inspired walk calmly on though it be with
bleeding footprints, and in the hereafter they will reap
what they now sow. The pampered hypo- The thorns
crite may have a flowery pathway here, but and flowers
12 he cannot forever break the Golden Rule and escape the
penalty due.

234:4-16

6 Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be
it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family
with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, Crumbs of
feeding the hungry and giving living waters to comfort
the thirsty.

9 We should become more familiar with good than with
evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we
bar our doors against the approach of thieves Hospitality
12 and murderers. We should love our enemies to health
and help them on the basis of the Golden and good
Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample
15 them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and
others.

495:25-8

Question. — How can I progress most rapidly in the
understanding of Christian Science?
27 *Answer.* — Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe
the spirit. Adhere to the divine Principle of Chris- Rudiments
tian Science and follow the behests of God, and growth
30 abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and
Love. In the Science of Mind, you will soon ascertain
1 that error cannot destroy error. You will also learn
that in Science there is no transfer of evil suggestions
3 from one mortal to another, for there is but one Mind,
and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by
man and governs the entire universe. You will learn
6 that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey
God, to have one Mind, and to love another as
yourself.

51:6-32

6 Jesus could have withdrawn himself from his enemies.
He had power to lay down a human sense of life for his
spiritual identity in the likeness of the divine; Life-power
9 but he allowed men to attempt the destruc- indestructible
tion of the mortal body in order that he might furnish
the proof of immortal life. Nothing could kill this Life
12 of man. Jesus could give his temporal life into his

enemies' hands; but when his earth-mission was accomplished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal,
15 was found forever the same. He knew that matter had no life and that real Life is God; therefore he could no more be separated from his spiritual Life than God could
18 be extinguished.

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and
21 taught others to do. His purpose in healing was not alone to restore health, but to demonstrate his divine Principle. He was inspired by God, by
24 Truth and Love, in all that he said and did. The motives of his persecutors were pride, envy, cruelty, and vengeance, inflicted on the physical Jesus, but aimed at the divine Principle, Love, which rebuked their sensuality.
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Example for
our salvation

Jesus was unselfish. His spirituality separated him from sensuousness, and caused the selfish materialist
30 to hate him; but it was this spirituality which enabled Jesus to heal the sick, cast out evil, and raise the dead.

54:8-28

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example? All
9 must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God. That he might liberally pour
his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin-
12 filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus' intense human sacrifice. In witness of his divine commission, he presented the proof that Life, Truth, and
15 Love heal the sick and the sinning, and triumph over death through Mind, not matter. This was the highest proof he could have offered of divine Love. His hearers
18 understood neither his words nor his works. They would not accept his meek interpretation of life nor follow his example.

Inspiration
of sacrifice

21 His earthly cup of bitterness was drained to the dregs. There adhered to him only a few unpretentious friends, whose religion was something more
24 than a name. It was so vital, that it enabled them to understand the Nazarene and to share the glory of eternal life. He said that those who followed him should drink of his cup, and history has confirmed the prediction.
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Spiritual
friendship

272:3-8,19

3 The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before
 Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only
 as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek. Spirituality
 6 In the soil of an "honest and good heart" the of Scripture
 seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the
 swinish element in human nature uproots it.

It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization
 of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce
 21 of material existence; it is chastity and purity, Unspiritual
 in contrast with the downward tendencies contrasts
 and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity,
 24 which really attest the divine origin and operation of Chris-
 tian Science. The triumphs of Christian Science are re-
 corded in the destruction of error and evil, from which are
 27 propagated the dismal beliefs of sin, sickness, and death.

365:7-2

The benign thought of Jesus, finding utterance in such
 words as "Take no thought for your life," would heal
 9 the sick, and so enable them to rise above the supposed
 necessity for physical thought-taking and doctoring;
 but if the unselfish affections be lacking, and common
 12 sense and common humanity are disregarded, what men-
 tal quality remains, with which to evoke healing from
 the outstretched arm of righteousness?
 15 If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine
 Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one
 visit, and the disease will vanish into its native Speedy
 18 nothingness like dew before the morning sun- healing
 shine. If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to
 win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Mag-
 21 dalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to
 practise scientifically and deal with his patients compas-
 sionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual
 24 intent.

If hypocrisy, stolidity, inhumanity, or vice finds its
 way into the chambers of disease through the would-be
 27 healer, it would, if it were possible, convert Truth
 into a den of thieves the temple of the Holy desecrated
 Ghost, — the patient's spiritual power to resuscitate him-
 30 self. The unchristian practitioner is not giving to mind
 or body the joy and strength of Truth. The poor suf-
 fering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace,
 1 patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear
 Father's loving-kindness.

366:12-19,30-9

12 The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-
being is deficient in human affection, and we have the
apostolic warrant for asking: "He that loveth
15 not his brother whom he hath seen, how can
he love God whom he hath not seen?" Not having this
spiritual affection, the physician lacks faith in the divine
18 Mind and has not that recognition of infinite Love which
alone confers the healing power.

The true
physician

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we
must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we
would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent
1 of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor
bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes
3 of its letter. The tender word and Christian
encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience
with his fears and the removal of them, are better than
6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed
speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so
many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame
9 with divine Love.

Genuine
healing

367:17

18 A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period
of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye
are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light
of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-
21 not be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but
radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of
the earth

55:15

15 Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,
gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall
18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as
himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done
21 and is doing for mankind. The promises will be ful-
filled. The time for the reappearing of the divine healing
is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly
24 all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's
cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of
Christian healing.

Hymns

Hymn 180:0-3

Hymn 180

Based on the Danish of
Jens N. L. Schjorring

CHARITY
C. F. Jaehnigen

Love the Lord thy God:
Love is staff and rod
For heart and soul and mind.
In this command forever strong,
To silence thoughts of wrong
All laws fulfillment find.

Here we rest content:
Good from God is sent
Where seeds of Love are sown.
Who as himself his neighbor loves,
By constant purpose proves
His neighbor's good his own.

They whose every thought
Still from Love is sought
In Soul, not flesh, abide.
Love's presence gives a joy untold:
Now may we all behold
The Spirit and the bride.

Hymn 179:0-3

Hymn 179

Margaret Morrison

INTEGER VITAE
Friedrich F. Flemming

Love one another, — word of revelation;
Love frees from error's thrall, — Love is liberation.
Love's way the Master trod;
He that loves shall walk with God.
Love is the royal way.

Love knows no evil, neither shade of sadness;
Love casts out every fear, lifts the heart to gladness.
Love heals our every ill,

All the law does love fulfill.
Love is our answered prayer.

Love now is dawning over every nation;
Showing true brotherhood, publishing salvation,
Love bids all discord cease.
Conquering hate, enthroning peace,
Love, Love alone is power.

Hymn 126:0-4

Hymn 126, 127, 403

Joseph Swain
Adapted

BALLERMA
Spanish Melody
LIVERPOOL
Robert Wainwright
BALERMA
Spanish Melody

How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those who love the Lord
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill His word;

When, free from envy, scorn, and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love.

Let love, in one delightful stream,
Through every bosom flow;
And union sweet, and dear esteem
In every action glow.

Love is the golden chain that binds
The hearts that faithful prove;
And he's an heir of heaven who finds
His bosom glow with love.