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TWO UNREALISTIC INSTRUCTIONS

Luke 6:27-42

1. **Love your enemies** (Luke 6:27-36)
 - A. It is easy to love those who love us.
— We are called to love our enemies.
 - B. It is natural to do good to those who do good to us.
— We are called to do good to those who hate us.
(No retaliation when someone hurts or steals from us.)
 - C. It is common to lend to those who will pay us back.
— We are called to give to everyone ... even if we know that they will never pay us back.
 - D. The point of this unrealistic teaching.
 1. God wants us to magnify the importance of “others.”
– “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”
 2. God wants us to understand the depth of His love for us.
– He is kind to the ungrateful
– He is kind to the wicked
– He is merciful.

2. **Forgive and Give – God’s alternative to judge and condemn** (Luke 6:37-42)
 - A. The unrealistic instruction unpacked:
 1. Do not judge ... instead forgive.
 2. Do not condemn ... instead give.
 - B. The reason we should not judge or condemn.
 1. The blind cannot lead – It is impossible for us to clearly see what God is doing in the heart of someone else.
 2. A student can only learn as much as his teacher – We must remember our own struggles and limitations.
 - C. We can only help others when we are able to clearly see.
 1. From God’s perspective ... none of us are able to clearly see ... we all have planks and specks.
 2. From our perspective ... After we have the ‘plank removed’ we will not be so quick to judge and condemn.

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The Call to Worship Hebrews 12:2

- P: This morning we gather to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

*Hymn No. 72 *We Will Glorify*

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

*Responsive Reading Hebrews 12:2-3 & Philippians 2:5-11

- P: Let us consider Jesus Christ who endured such opposition from sinful man.
- C: Being in very nature God, He did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,**
- P: He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness,
- C: Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross.**
- P: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him

the name that is above every name.

- C: At the name of Jesus we join with others bending our knee and bowing in worship.**
- P: We confess this morning that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- C: Today we look to Jesus so that we will not grow weary or lose heart. Yes, He is the author and perfecter of our faith.**

*Hymn No. 74 *Majesty*

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died,
now glorified, King of all kings.

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-36

²⁷ “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because

he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

The Anthem
*The Doxology

The Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

TWO UNREALISTIC INSTRUCTIONS
Luke 6:27-42

Love Your Enemies

*Hymn No. 283 We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Offering of Thanks and Praise
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Hymn *We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise*

We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You The sacrifices of joy

Scripture Reading Luke 6:37-42

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

³⁹ He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Sermon Concluded

Forgive and Give

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 304 Lift High the Cross (*Refrain*)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

*Postlude