**Jesus Shows Us – How to Treat People (part 3 of 3)**

**John 21:25:**

**(1) Leper and similar diseases: (2) People of other nations: (3) Looked down upon races of people:**

**(4) Sinners: (5) People slighted by society**

**(6) Children: (7) Young People: (8) Elderly: (9) Family (physical and spiritual):**

**(10) People in need physically and mentally**

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**11. Those seeking truth** (**Mark 12:28-34**). Jesus always had time for those seeking truth. He was the busiest man to walk this earth, but He always made time to help and encourage those seeking truth.

Are you and I always willing to help those seeking truth? Or do we sometimes get too busy or wrapped up with the events of the moment?

**12. Those needing guidance and correction** (**Mark 10:17-22**). Sometimes it is very hard to tell folks what they need to hear. When we know one is not right with God and they need someone to give them the Lord’s guidance, we may hesitate because there is a good chance they will reject us.

I coached the daughter of a Christian lady who sought my advice about her troubled marriage and divorce situation. It was hard, but I told her what the Lord instructs folks to do in that case. To my surprise and delight she did exactly that! I know that is very rare.

Jesus loved this young man, but knew he needed to correct his life and that there was a chance he would reject that guidance. Jesus lovingly gave it because it was what this young man needed. We need to have the same love in how we help those in spiritual need.

**13. Those In Authority** (**Matthew 22:15-22 (ESV), 26:49-57, 1 Peter 2:11-17**). Jesus honored the authority of government and of government officials and actions; even when they were not right. Through the Holy Spirit and Peter He shows us how we ought to be. Many times we might not like what government does or what they mandate. But we are very blessed in our country!

My son Daniel told me how much the hospital bill was for my twin granddaughters; $369,000. My son works for a local county government and they covered all but $1,500 of that bill!

Let us honor those in authority, appreciate what authorities we have, and pray for them (**1 Tim. 2:1-4**).

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**14. His Church, Kingdom, Nation** (**1 Peter 2:9-10, Ephesians 4:11-16**). His church and local congregations are all sufficient to accomplish His Will. These are made up of a special people, disciples of Jesus Christ.

* The Lord’s church provides spiritual nourishment to each member of a local congregation.
* Young people are taught on how to become Christians first and foremost.
* Encouraging men and women to become dependable brothers and sisters in Christ
* Training men to become teachers, preachers, deacons, and elders and women to become teachers and supporters of the Lord’s work in various ways. Older men and women teaching younger men and women as discussed in **Titus chapter 2**.
* Needs of the congregation are provided for.
* The gospel is spread in local communities and can be supported in other places.
* We collectively worship by praying, singing, studying, and partaking of the Lord’s Supper together. And while we do that we encourage and edify each other to do good works.
* Within this nation we can pray for those who need to come to Jesus for the first time and for those who need to come back to Him. Let us not take for granted those Christians who have remained faithful all these years; remaining faithful for decades and generations while experiencing all the struggles of this life; and encouraging Christians along the way. We have many of those men and women here this morning to be thankful for!
* Man always wants to help God or try to improve on what God wants by adding causes or institutions. Our Lord’s Church, made up of His children, is self-sufficient to accomplish His will!

**15. Him (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, John 11:25-26**). Jesus shows there is only one way to eternal life and that is His way.

* I have many friends in the world that feel there are many ways and many paths to eternal life. Jesus shows that His way is the only way that leads to life (**Matthew 7:13-14**).
* Disciples were referred to as of the Way (**Acts 9:1-2, 19:9. 23, 22:4, 24:14, 22**), not many ways!
* Paul shows us how we should treat Jesus in **Galatians 2:20**.

The invitation is to all this morning. If you are not a disciple of Jesus today, why not confess that He is the Son of God, repent of your sins, be baptized to wash away your sins, and then start on His Way to eternity? If you are a disciple who has been struggling to stay on the Lord’s path, get back on track today! We are ready to help, encourage, and pray for you.

***In all that we have studied in this three part series, we can see that Jesus shows us how He wants us to live in this life. Let us embrace His Way and strive to be more like Him each day!***