



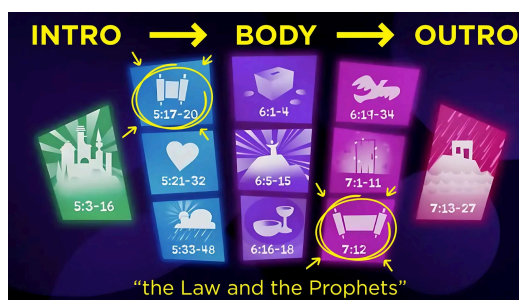
Sermon on the Mount
Sermon Notes - Part 24
Title: From Me to Us
July 13th, 2025

Main Scriptures: Matthew 7:12 [5:17, 5:20, 6:10]; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Main Idea: The Golden Rule is more than kindness—it's desire-driven love that reflects God's heart and invests in others.

1. The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)

- Matthew 7:12 points us back to Matthew 5:17-20 [repeat signs]
- “Do to others...” reflects the Law and the Prophets—everything Jesus came to fulfill (“the Law and the Prophets” is shorthand for the Old Testament)



- **Matthew 5:17** says **He** fulfills the Law and the Prophets.
- **Matthew 5:20** says **we** are called to a **greater righteousness**.
- **Matthew 7:12** says **that kind of life** is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

→ The Golden rule is not just about being polite; it's about participating in God's greater righteousness—**representing God's heart**

2. From Obedience to Desire (Matthew 7:12 to 6:10)

- The Golden Rule isn't just about behavior—it's about what we *want* for others.
- (7:12) “would” (Greek = *thelo*) - to desire, to will, to long for
 - Thelo appear 2x in the Sermon—Matthew 6:10 (“your **will** [*thelo*] be done”) and here in 7:12

→ If God's will is **the seed at the center** of the Sermon on the Mount, the fruit it produces is a life that desires what God desires.

3. “Do to” = “Invest in” (Matthew 7:12)

- (7:12) “Do to” (Greek = *poieo*) - to act; context here implies an intentional action—an active investment in the well-being of others
- Faith in Action - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
 - God comforts us so that we can comfort others—it’s spiritual investment—sharing in one another’s suffering and healing.
 - **Quote:** “If my desire really is just for me, then the ‘self’ is me. I am ‘me,’ and that’s it. But if my desire is extending out to the community, my sense of self is expanded. I am not merely ‘me,’ I am an extension of this community. **I am ‘us.’** My well-being is wholly wrapped up with the well-being of my neighbor.” (Bible Project, *Sermon on the Mount Podcast*, Episode 33)
- **Real-Life Example:** Corrie ten Boom's story of forgiveness reflects “do to others.” (quote from her book, *The Hiding Place*)

→ 1 Corinthians 13:13 reminds us what lasts: “*faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.*” This kind of love doesn’t come naturally—it’s learned by walking with Jesus daily.

5. Reflection Questions:

- What do I truly desire? Are my desires self-centered or Jesus-centered?
- In what ways can I invest in others this week? Who is one person I could encourage or comfort with the same comfort God has shown me?

6. Digging Deeper

- Bible Project Podcast Sermon on the Mount Series, Episode 33 - Youtube or bibleproject.com