

Keys to Radical Discipleship

Luke 6:31-36 – ³¹Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. (CSB)

I. The foundation for radical discipleship is living the **golden rule**.
(v. 31)

Romans 5:10 – For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. (CSB)

II. The framework of radical discipleship is active **goodness and mercy**. (v. 31, 36)

Romans 5:6-9 – ⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. ⁸But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹How much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath. (CSB)

James 3:17 – But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. (CSB)

III. The function of radical discipleship is **unconditional generosity**. (v.32-34)

Psalms 112:5 – Good will come to the one who lends generously and conducts his business fairly. (CSB)

IV. The fruit of radical discipleship is **fulfillment**.

Romans 5:5 – This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

It's a perfect balance of being **self-aware**,

others-aware and **God-aware**.