

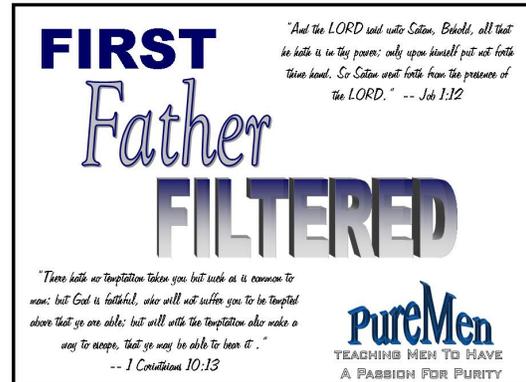
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PureMen Bible Study – Session 18 – 2/23/11

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse - Psalm 101:3

- ⇒ Give Out Final Summit Stretch Memory Card
- ⇒ Give Out “Covenant Eyes” signature card
- ⇒ Give out PureMen Feedback Form
- ⇒ Reminder of Spirituality Assessment Review



Review Study Questions from Chapter Sixteen – *How To Be A Great Lover*

Review Questions From Workbook:

#2 – What is the world’s concept of love? *A shallow concept that goes no deeper than the emotions one is feeling at any particular time.*

#3 – What can one “safely say” about the world’s concept of commitment? *It is only as secure as a person’s fluctuating passions.*

- *Pastor Mike Adams example*

#4 – Complete the sentence which begins, “This level of devotion...” *To another person is not difficult for the man who is living his life with a sincere concern for the needs and feelings of other people, especially his wife & family.*

#5 – What is “the foundation of biblical love” based upon? *One’s behavior rather than one’s feelings.*

- *Jim Binney said, “True love is the desire to minister, to benefit someone else more than myself. True love is measured more by its effect on the object of your love than its effect on you. The best kind of love is expressed with another in mind rather than self. This is ministry! This is love!”*

#6 – Complete the sentence which begins, “The man who wishes...” *To be a great lover according to biblical standards has the wherewithal to do so; not simply because it is a choice he can make, but because the Holy Spirit resides within him and will love through Him.*

#9 – Write out the statement of C.S. Lewis. “We must picture Hell as a state where everyone is perpetually concerned about his own dignity and advancement, where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives the deadly serious passions of envy, self-importance, and resentment.”

Luke 6: 27-38

“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, ²⁸Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. ²⁹And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. ³⁰Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. ³¹And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. ³²For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. ³³And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. ³⁴And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. ³⁶Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: ³⁸Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

Portions from The Preacher’s Outline & Sermon Bible

The principles spelled out by Jesus are shocking. They go against every grain of society and every fiber of a man’s being. Man rebels by nature against what Jesus is saying; however the new principles must be headed, for they are the salvation of society and the hope of man for life.

Jesus audience was His disciples. He knew that some would hear and that some would not hear. Some just couldn’t handle this teaching because it went against everything they had ever known or even thought about.

What are [three] practical things a believer can do to love his enemies?

1. *Love Them! Offer respect and honor, mercy and compassion.*
2. *Do Good to Them!*
3. *Be a Blessing to Them!*
4. *Pray for Them!*
5. *Offer the Other Cheek to Them! [Jesus is saying that the believer is not to strike back or retaliate against bitter insults, contempt, or even bodily threats, or injury – **just as the Lord did!**]*

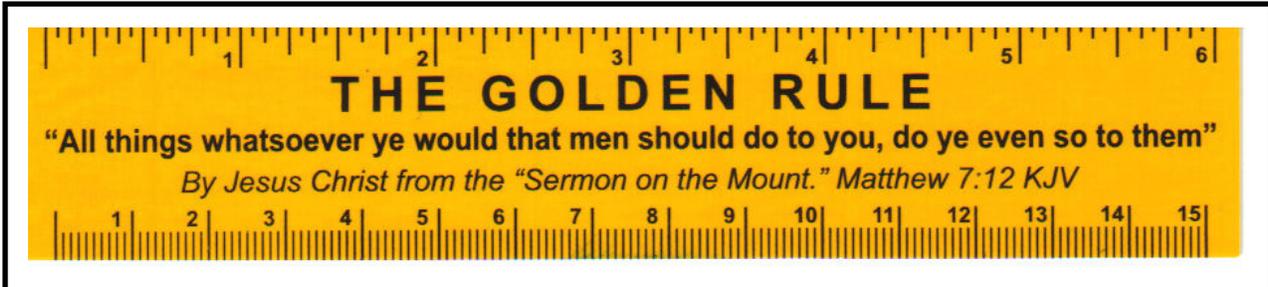
1 Peter 3:9-11

“⁸Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: ⁹Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: ¹¹Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.”

Define “Blessing”: Comes from two Greek words – *eu* (meaning “well”) and *logos* (meaning “words”). From this, we get the English word “eulogy.”

Q: How can we be a blessing to those we love? By Good Words, Kind Actions, Thankful Appreciation, and through Intercessory Prayer.

Q: According to v.31 (Luke 6), how should you be treating your wife? *Treat her the way you want to be treated. The Golden Rule!*



The Golden Rule reveals the heart of God. It shows us exactly how God’s heart longs for us to live and act. The Golden Rule is concerned with true love. It’s more than just not doing wrong (lying, stealing, cheating) and it’s more than just doing good (helping, caring, giving). It is looking, searching, and seeking for ways to do the good that you want others to do to you; and then doing that good to others.

Q; Explain what you think Jesus is saying in v.32. *Christians should be different. We need to love even when the object of our love doesn’t deserve to it. This is different from the world’s love.*

Q: According to v.35, what is required of us in order to receive a greater reward and “be sons of the Most High?” *Loving our enemies; do good to them; Lend to them (without expecting anything in return).*

Q: Most people quote verse 38 as a formula for getting God to give them money. But considering the context of what Jesus was talking about, explain what you think He was referring to. *The emphasis is on giving. God blesses those who give. The attitude is not let me give so I can get. It’s just giving. And God blesses that! If we have a desire & give “big,” God will do to us likewise. God’s principle is clear – a person receives what he gives.*

Review Personal Examination Questions

Have you thought about your marriage vows lately?

To have and to hold from this day forward,
For better or for worse,
For richer or for poorer,
In sickness and in health,
To love, honor, and cherish,
Forsaking all others,
And to keep you only unto myself,
So long as we both shall live,
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost.

Our church has long prayed for Renea Adams, the wife of Pastor Mike Adams of Charity Baptist Church in Kent. Kris and I recently had the opportunity to share the ministry of HBM at Charity Baptist Church. While having known Pastor Adams for several years, this was our first opportunity to meet Renea. As you know, she has suffered for quite some time with the debilitating effects of diabetes and other serious health problems. In the past year, she has had one leg amputated, suffered a stroke, been hospitalized numerous times, among many other medical challenges. The stroke she experienced left her with paralysis on her right side and had a negative effect on her mental capacities. She is wheel chair bound and needs a considerable amount of daily assistance. Please continue to pray for her.

As we spent time with the Adams family on Sunday afternoon we were so encouraged by Pastor Adams and the amazing example he was as a husband and a father. In a world that knows very little of true commitment these days, we watched a man who so humbly loved his wife. We watched him pick her up from her wheelchair and move her several times (to the van, back to the wheelchair, to a chair in the house, etc.), we watched him feed her, we heard him as he expressed his love and compassion for his wife. We watched him take her blood sugar, comb her hair, and clean up after her when she dropped food on herself – all with a gentle, humble, loving spirit about him. Sis. Renea is very different now from how she was when they first married. Pastor Adams told us that all of her medical problems have brought them much closer together. WOW! What an example he is of someone who took his marriage vows seriously!

Please continue to pray for the Adams family. Pastor Adams works full time, is a father of two (12 & 10 years old), pastors a church, and faithfully serves and loves his wife.

Thank you Lord for teaching us how to truly AGAPE (love) one another!

