

9. One of the most concrete pieces of evidence that a person is Spirit-filled is if he or she is what?

10. Do you stand for truth? If so, are you kind when doing so, or are you abrasive and harsh?

11. What is the third description of love?

12. To say that love does not parade itself means that love does not do what?

13. Bragging and boasting is an external manifestation of what?

14. Besides hate, what is the opposite of love?

15. Love is not focused where?

16. What is rudeness?

17. What would cause us to have a complete disregard for someone else and his or her feelings?

18. What does love not seek?

19. If you see yourself wanting your own way at various times in your life, it tells you that you need to do what?

20. What is possibly the best way to render the phrase, “is not provoked...?”

21. Are you ever irritable around your family, friends, fellow employees, teammates? Are you ever cranky, contentious, argumentative, or touchy?

22. If you love someone what do you do with their wrongs?

23. What is meant by the phrase, “love does not rejoice in iniquity?”

24. What is a way or two that we might actually “rejoice in iniquity?”

25. What does love rejoice in?

26. Parents’ true love for the child is measured by whether or not they desire that their child (children) does what?

27. Rather than looking for the good things in a person’s life that lines up with the truth, it is easy to focus on what?

28. “Love bears all things” means what?

29. To say that “love believes all things” is to say that love believes what?

30. Do you extend grace to others, believing that even when wrong and weaknesses are manifested, that the person will learn from it, turn from it, and grow?

31. What happens when the person we love isn’t living in such a way to give us reason to believe a lot of good about them? What do we do then?

32. Love refuses to take failure as what?

33. Is this description of love saying that it is wrong to admonish someone who is in sin?

34. How have many people down through the centuries made wrong assumptions about what Jesus was saying with the Golden Rule?

35. How does your love for others really match up with God's definition of love?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-7:14**
- 2) What do you think of the statement, "Everyone Jesus called, He called publicly?" Is it accurate? If not, can you find one example where it isn't?**
- 3) What are the problems with the concept of "The altar call?" Discuss with a friend this week.**
- 4) Spend some time thinking about the two roads described in Matthew 7:13 and following.**

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THE GOLDEN RULE

Matthew 7:12

(Series#41)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "The Golden Rule" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus was teaching on what topic?
2. One of the reasons why we ought to have confidence to pray is because of what, concerning God's character?
3. If we are good and gracious and loving toward others, we are mimicking whom?
4. What is the one command in Matthew 7:12?
5. The greatest measure of love for God and for others is seen in what?
6. To see a commentary on Matthew 7:12, we can study what other Biblical passage?
7. Even though the English translation of I Corinthians 13:4-7 makes the descriptions of love look like adjectives, in the Greek text they are actually what?
8. The word, "patience" is emphasizing patience in relation to what?

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