#### Luke 6: 27-38

In this passage, Jesus talks about the things which we should, and shouldn't do. Jesus sets the bar quite high, telling us that we need to do in order to distinguish ourselves from "sinners". Love, pray, give, be compassionate, forgive,

and do good, sum up what Jesus was asking of us.

Sometimes when children want to have something, or do something, the use the argument, "everyone else is allowed to!" Jesus is saying that we shouldn't be looking at what everyone else is doing and settle for that... we should be doing more, and being better than that. That is quite a challenge. Blessings from Meg

# <u>Harvard University Mental Age Assessment</u>

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University.

Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

- 1. This is this cat.
- 2. This is cat.
- 3. This is how cat.
- 4. This is to cat.
- 5. This is keep cat.
- 6. This is an cat.
- 7. This is old cat.
- 8. This is person cat.
- 9. This is busy cat.
- 10. This is for cat.
- 11. This is forty cat.
- 12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.

"I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book." ~ Groucho Marx

## Luke 6:27-38 (NIV) Love for Enemies

<sup>27</sup> "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

<sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.
<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if

anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

<sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

## Judging Others

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Research has shown that laughing for 2 mins is just as healthy as a 20 min jog. So now I'm sitting in the park laughing at all the joggers.

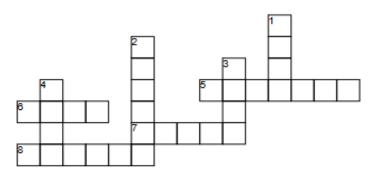


The Golden Rule



Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NIV)

The activity is based on words found in Luke 6:27-38



#### HORIZONTAL

- 5. Persons you know and like very much
- Something that is pleasing; morally upright
- 7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
- Something good received in return for good behavior

#### VERTICAL

- 5. Persons you know and like very much
- Something that is pleasing; morally upright
- 7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
- Something good received in return for good behavior

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