

“How to Live as a Kingdom Citizen”

Week 8: “Surpassing Righteousness’ in Relating to Others”

Faith Bible Church

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Matthew 7:1-12 (*New American Standard*)

- 1 "Do not judge lest you be judged.
- 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.
- 3 "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
- 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?
- 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
- 6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.
- 7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.
- 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.
- 9" "Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone?
- 10 "Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?
- 11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!
- 12 "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

JESUS SUMMARIZES HIS TEACHINGS UP TO THIS POINT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE “SURPASSING RIGHTEOUSNESS” WE ARE TO DISPLAY IN OUR LIVES, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IMPACTS OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHERS.

1. Righteousness is first of all a _____. Focus on your own _____ before God. Don't attempt to _____ others' _____ until you've addressed your _____. (7:1-5)
2. You are _____ of the precious good news of the kingdom of heaven. Use _____ what God has _____ to you. (7:6)
3. We can be assured of God's _____ for our _____. His _____ of us serves as our _____ for how to _____ others. (7:7-12)