# Viewing Others Like Christ Did

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## INTRODUCTION

- Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the law and the prophets.
- Mothers not only treat others the way they want to be treated, they treat others significantly better than they even begin to expect that others would treat them in the same way.
- Why do I not view others the way Christ did? Why do I not view others as special children, special creations given from God? Because we all are.

## 1 Humility: Christ Came to Serve

**John 13:1–17; Philippians 2:3–7; 2 Timothy 2:24–26**

- If I, then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
- He washed the disciples' feet because his purpose was to serve.
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- Humility changes the way we look at others. Why? Because you recognize you were just as lost.
- The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to everyone. Able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

## 2 Love One Another as I Have Loved You

**John 13:34–35; 1 John 3:16–18**

- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you.
- If you don't view others with compassion and treat them with love, you are in violation of Christ's direct commandments.
- By this we know love that he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.
- It's not saying I love people. It's saying, I was like them, I want to serve them.
- Being like Christ demands viewing others as more important than yourself. You will not love until you are humble, until you realize that you need God.

## 3 Compassion Makes the Difference

**Matthew 14:13–14; Mark 6:30–34; James 1:27**

- When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them. Because they were like sheep without a shepherd.
- Christ had compassion, and so he healed them and he taught them.

- When someone does something to you that you don't like, think the best of them.
- Compassion makes the difference. Because this is beyond biblical commands. This is what fires the engine of our heart.
- His life was motivated with compassion. He saw them as sheep without shepherds, and he wanted to lead them to God.
- Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do you view others? With humility, love, and compassion. Or selfishness, conceit, and frustration.**

MY NOTES