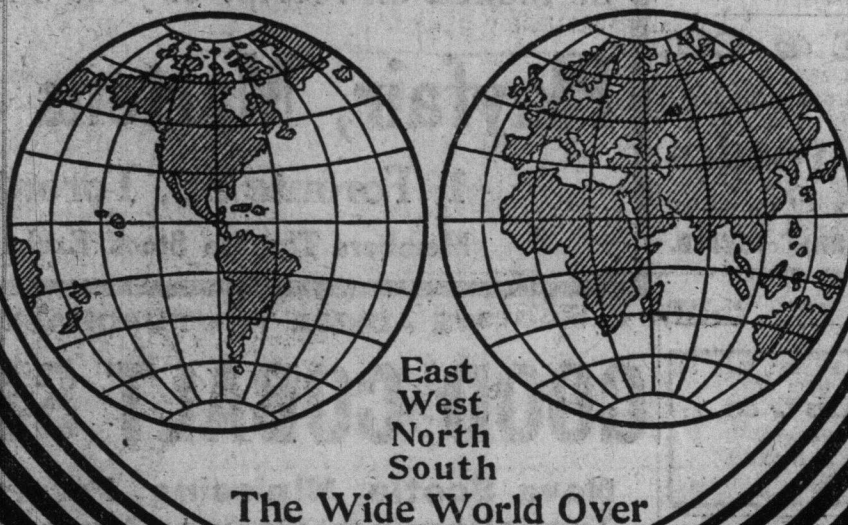


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Pastor Russell's Sermon

"The Golden Rule"—Its Neglect a Root of All Evil—Justice the Foundation of the Divine Law—Love Depends Upon It, and Every Grace of Character.

"Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."—Matt. vii. 12.

"How wise are God's commands, how just His precepts are."—

Our conception of a God measures our highest ideals and principles. Whoever, therefore, has a mean or selfish conception of the Almighty is bound to be mean or selfish in his conduct of life, for every man or woman to some extent worships his own highest ideal. And this is authorized by our Redeemer's words, "Be ye like unto your Father which is in heaven." Our forefathers during the dark ages burned one another at the stake as idolaters, because they were so. The Bible declaration that justice is the foundation of the divine kingdom or throne, gives the mind pictorially an appreciation of the value of justice in its relationship to every element of the divine character. "Be just before you are generous" is a proverb amongst men, which evidently is in full accord with what the Scriptures declare of God's character. He is first just—never any thing less than justice. His wisdom, His power, His love, must all co-ordinate with the rest upon this quality of justice. And so it is with all those who would copy this character. They must be first just. Any quality built upon any foundation

to any extent ignoring this one is faulty in principle. The first man, made in God's image and likeness, must have had justice as the foundation of his character. And all of his descendants still possess this quality, tho in varying degree. We call it also conscientiousness. Some, indeed, but the divine pattern held up to us in the misleading creeds portray our Almighty Creator as claiming all of these qualities, but by His course of dealing with humanity, violating them all, every one.

Who with an enlightened mind can longer claim that it was ever just or kind or loving for God to bring into being a race of intelligent creatures, for the great mass of whom He had no better provision than an eternity of torture, and knew all this before He created them? Why candent that it would have been more just, more kind, more wise, and more loving to have left the entire race uncreated than to have made provision for the eternal torture of every one of them, or a worse proportion, for surely the saints do not number one in a thousand of the world's population.

To the class addressed by our Lord, "Be just as your fathers, for they see, and for these alone, the message that the hell of the Bible is the tomb, the state of death. They were all condemned to death thru Adam's sin and not one, according to the Scriptures, was condemned to eternal torment. It is for these to see and appreciate the love of God, which has made provision for the salvation of all men from the present state of degradation and sin and death. These alone may see that Jesus was "The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," and not merely the sins of the church. These may see that the blessings of salvation are for two classes of mankind—now for the saintly class, "the called according to God's purpose," and who are promised a share in the first resurrection; and then during the millennial age salvation for all of the race—for opportunity for restitution to man's original estate in the image and likeness of God. These may see that this original state was not to be forced upon any, but made possible to all on terms of full and hearty obedience to the Great Prophet, Priest and King during the millennial reign. And these may see also that the end of the wilfully wicked is to be destruction and not to be preserved in torment, but to suffer second death by the second destruction, but this time without hope of redemption or resurrection or recovery. These, then, see the justice of God manifested towards man, for now six thousand years, under the infliction of the original penalty. Dying thou shalt die. These see how divine love met the requirements of divine justice, when our Lord Jesus "gave himself a ransom for all." "He died the just for the unjust"—redeemed the first Adam and

all his family and all his estate with His own precious blood, His sacrifice. These may see how wisdom bids love to walk thruout this gospel age, while the elect class is being called out from the redeemed world to constitute the bride, the Lamb's wife, and joint heirs with Him in His millennial kingdom. These can see how in due time divine power will co-operate with love, and justice be silent while Satan is restrained and the human family granted the opportunity for uplift—resurrection to all that was lost plus valuable lessons of knowledge thru experience.

They make a great mistake who suppose that the golden rule, or indeed, any of the messages of the Scriptures, were intended for the world of mankind. No, they are for the church only, and this is shown not only by the fact that our Lord's words were addressed to His disciples, but also by the fact that the apostolic epistles are addressed to the saints and the household of faith. Others cannot see, understand, appreciate in the proper degree. The worldly mind can and does appreciate the maxim, "Honesty is the best policy" in the long run, but it cannot appreciate the sentiment of our text, in the sense of being willing to adopt this as a principle and as a rule of life.

In harmony with this thought, we seek to impress the import of our text only upon those blessed of the Father, who have been drawn, called, sanctified in Christ Jesus, and whose eyes to some extent have seen justice to be the foundation of the divine character. The golden rule does not express all of the Christian's duty; he is expected to make progress in conduct and character development much beyond this. But this further progress marks his development in love. The golden rule marks the very lowest standard which must measure our dealings with others in the church and in the world—justice. In a word our text, altho far above the ordinary course of humanity, should be in use every day and every hour by every follower of Christ. "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them." That our Lord was not giving this as a gospel standard and love standard, we have no equal. Price 25 cents per box, 10 boxes for \$2.00, at druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

your wives? As wives, how do you treat your husbands? Can you apply the golden rule to your words, to your conduct, to your demands of each other? Or do you act meanly, selfishly, taking advantage of each other, to the limit that the other will bear? Do you deal with your children according to the lines of the golden rule? Are you an ideal parent, according to your own advanced standard of what a parent's duty would be to his children? Do you remember that you have a responsibility for their training, a responsibility so far as your circumstances will permit, for their environment and happiness and education and mental preparation for usefulness in life? Or are you indifferent to their interests, neglectful of your responsibilities? Do you recognize that your children have certain rights and that these increase as they near maturity, or are you forgetful of these, disposed to keep the children under the restraints of childhood, souring their dispositions and making them unhappy, until they resent the injustice and a family quarrel results? As children, are you thoughtful of your parents, their welfare, their wishes, their happiness, as you would like your children to be thoughtful of yours? Do you remember the hours and weeks of feebleness and sickness and toll which you cost them in your infancy, and are you seeking to repay those kindnesses, and seeking to make their last days the happiest of their lives? Are you observing the golden rule toward your parents? How is it in your relationship to your brothers and sisters? When they borrow your things without leave, do you retaliate by borrowing theirs without leave, and thus keep up a continual fret and vexation of spirit in the family? Or do you practise the golden rule of justice and do nothing to your brother or sister, or their things, or theirs that you would not wish them to do to you or your things?

Surely in the church you should remember the golden rule laid down by the head of the church. Nevertheless, I am sure that if you are unjust in your own family, and to your business associates, you will be unjust also in your dealing with the church, which is the Body of Christ. He that is unjust in little things, would be unjust in greater ones. He who is faithful in little things will be faithful in the greater ones. He who increases his golden rule during the six days of his contact with business will surely be faithful on the seventh, but faithful-ness to the golden rule on the one day only will never win divine approval.

In applying this golden rule to the consecrated people of God, we are following the symbols of Revelation ii. 1. In symbol St. John was commanded to take the golden rule and measure the "Temple of God and them that worship therein." Let us each use this golden rule measuring-rod, not upon another, but each upon himself. Let us each ask himself, not only the foregoing questions, but questions relating to the higher relationship in Christ. Am I making an honest confession before the people of God, with whom I am in association? Or am I deceiving them?

Do we find ourselves seeking a justification for speaking something that is untruthful, or ungenerous, whether truthful or not? If so, do we recognize that this is an element quite contrary to the golden rule, and in our endeavor to find justification, we are doing that which we recognize as contrary to the golden rule do we see that this is merely an attempt to deceive ourselves, in a manner which will not deceive our Lord? "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." He that doeth righteousness, is righteous. He that keeps the golden rule is just. He who, under any pretext, violates the golden rule, thus displays the injustice of his heart, whatever may be his outward profession of righteousness.

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Mr. G. E. Meyer, a popular merchant in Lewisburg, writes: "Six months ago I was a pretty sick man. I had a feeling in the pit of my stomach, as if I carried a load of lead there. My appetite was poor and I ate very little. My head ached continually, and I felt weary and tired. My sleep was very restless. After using the first box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills I felt better. I kept on using them for a few weeks, and at last I was cured. If space permitted we could recount the experience of dozens of well-known people who have been cured of stomach trouble by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They bring instant relief and have never yet failed to make a complete cure of all stomach troubles, indigestion and kindred disorders, which have no equal. Price 25 cents per box, 10 boxes for \$2.00, at druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

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The trip cost the financier \$100 an hour.
There was only one other passenger, W. C. Brown, senior vice-president of the New York Central Railroad.

Old Printer Gases.
On Sunday, 3d inst., Mr. Robt. Simpson, an old time printer, died at Winnipeg of paralysis. He was 20 years a member of Toronto Typographical Union No. 51, and was one of the oldest printers in Canada. Mr. Simpson was highly respected for his many sterling qualities as a man and comrade. He was a member of the K.O. T.M., and leaves a widow, one son and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Can Smoke at Zion City.
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—In a record of transfer of property at Zion City filed in court the usual clause against smoking is omitted for the first time.
Under the rules of the late Dowd community retained the right to remain if any of the various provisions of a "moral code" were violated.

A Shame to Jail Him.
ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 11.—"It's a shame to send him to prison," said Judge Carman in acquitting 8-year-old James Schram of chicken stealing. Schram and John Doyle had pleaded guilty and the latter had implicated Schram's father. Doyle will be sentenced Monday. Young Schram will be given a guardian.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel I shall try to have them reached," said President Roosevelt in speaking about "those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and construction of the Panama canal itself."

Ex-Chief of Police Accused.
BROCKVILLE, Dec. 11.—To-day Geo. Brown, for many years chief of police at Athens, is lodged in jail here, having been committed by Magistrate Samuel Boddy on a charge of indecent assault on Emma Scott, aged 35 years. He is 65 years of age.

Year Wasn't Enough.
CHATHAM, Dec. 11.—A. Wolven was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison for attempted indecent assault. Wolven thanked the judge sincerely and said he wished it was more.

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