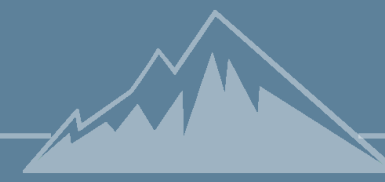




LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:12 "The Golden Rule"



The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**



Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew
5:17-20

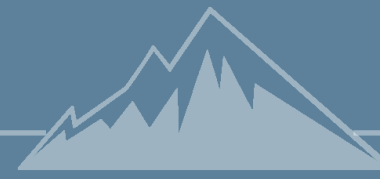
For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands



Matthew
5:17–20

and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.**





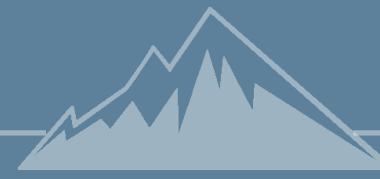
Matthew
7:12

So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do
to you, **for this sums up the
Law and the Prophets.**



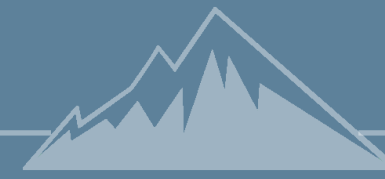
Matthew
22:37-40

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



James
2:8

If you really keep the royal law
found in Scripture, "Love your
neighbor as yourself," you are
doing right.



Romans
13:9-10

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.



Galatians
5:13-14

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."



Our **self-interest**
teaches us how we
ought to love others.



Joe Simon







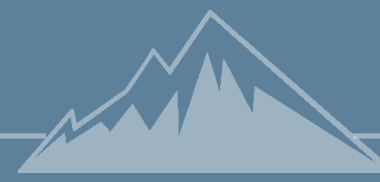




“How would I want to
be treated in this
situation?”

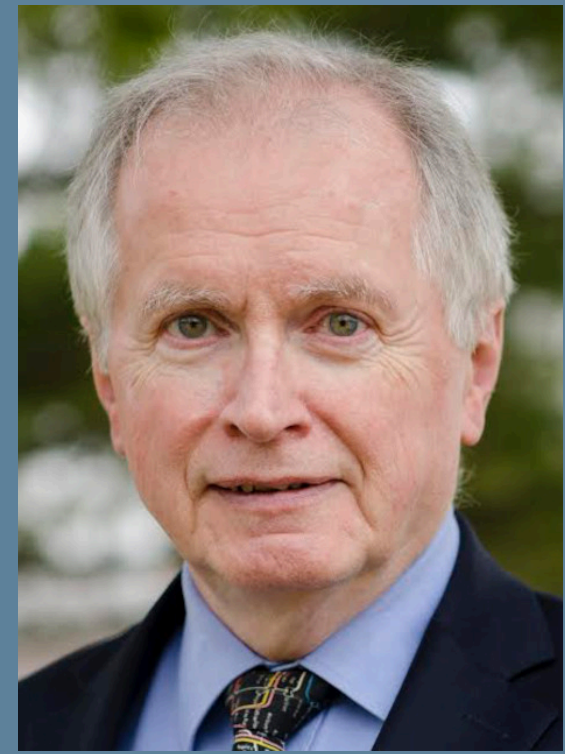
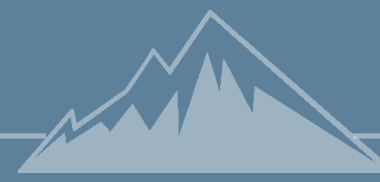


We ought to **actively**
seek the good of others,
not simply refraining from
harm against them.



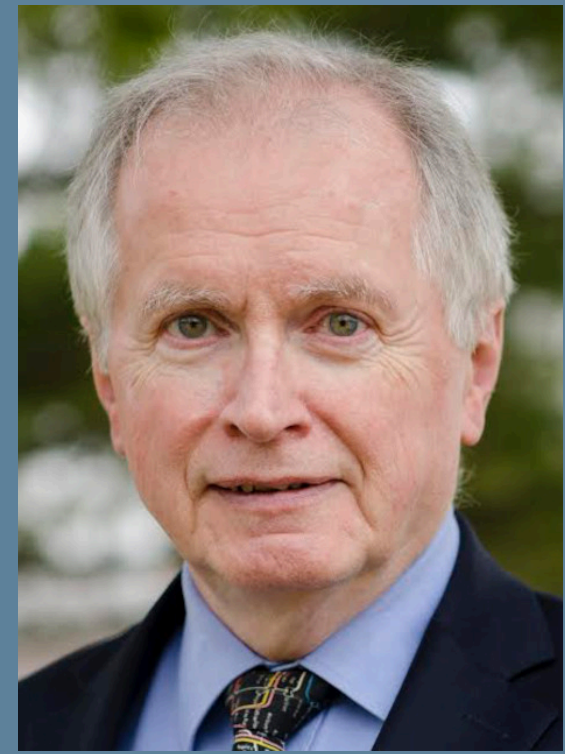
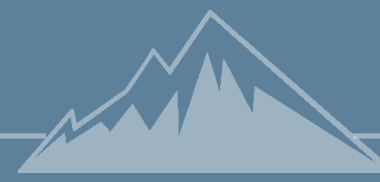
Rabbi Hillel

What is hateful to you, do not
do to your fellow creatures.
That is the whole law. All else
is explanation.



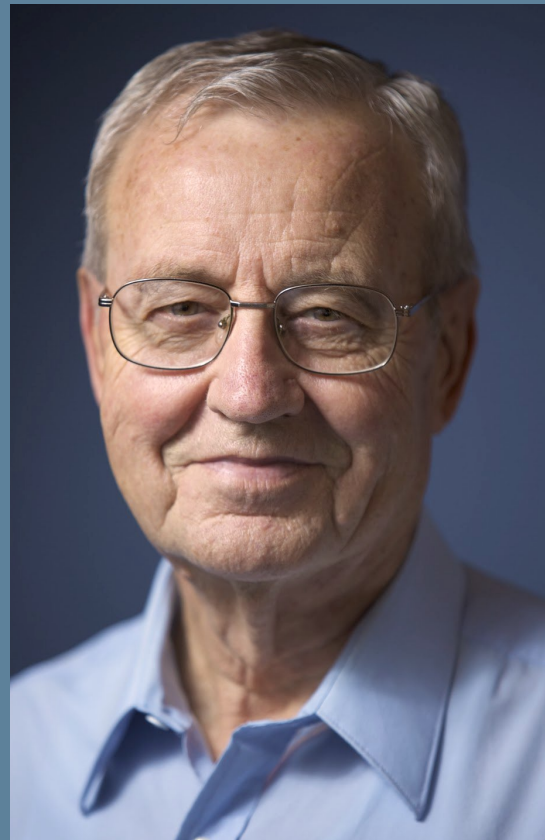
D. A.
Carson

The difference between the [the Silver Rule and the Golden Rule] is profound. For example, the negative form would teach behavior like this: If you do not enjoy being robbed, don't rob others. If you do not like being cursed, don't curse others. If you do not enjoy being hated, don't hate others. ... However, the positive form teaches behavior like this: If you enjoy being loved, love others.



D. A.
Carson

If you like to receive things, give to others. If you like being appreciated, appreciate others. The positive form is thus far more searching than its negative counterpart. Here there is no permission to withdraw into a world where I offend no one, but accomplish no positive good, either. What would you like done to you? What would you really like? Then, do that to others.



Dallas
Willard

The dark truth is that we may praise love ... We may wish to be loving—to be kind and helpful in our relations to those near us. But we do not trust love, and we think it could easily ruin our carefully guarded hold on life. ... Many misunderstandings of what love is have to be worked through before one can come to peace in it. Evil has a vested interest in confusing and distorting love. ... Above all, one has to find by thought and experience that love can be trusted as a way of life.