

**Faith-raising Stewardship Conference
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Luke 6:31-36 (NRSV)

³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Questions for Conversation

1. Re-read the passage. What one word or phrase speaks to you this morning?
2. What challenges confront you through this passage as you attempt to live your life in the image of God and with the mind of Christ (the overall 'stewardship' of your life)?
3. Where is the hope, and what is the promise, for you, in this passage?
4. Does this passage strengthen your relationship with God? If so, how?
5. How does such a passage encourage your financial stewardship to God?