



“If you continue in My word,
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

The Royal Law

Matthew 7:12 “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

1. We now come to what James called the “Royal Law” of the Kingdom of God (James 2:8): to love our neighbors as ourselves. How is this law of the Kingdom different from the way people operate in the kingdoms of this world? _____

2. In John 15:14 Jesus tells us who His friends are. Who are they? _____

3. In verse 12 we learn that Jesus’ command to us is that we love each other in the same way that He loved us. How did Jesus love us, and what does it look like to love each other that way? _____

4. I John 4:7-12 exhorts us to love one another and has many powerful insights into love. Verse 12 declares that two things happen when we love one another. What are they and why should we be excited about them? _____

5. One of the reasons we shrink back from the “Royal Law” is the fear that if we don’t look out for our selfish interests then we will lose out because everyone else is looking out for themselves. How does what we learned from I John 4:12 help us to overcome that fear? (See also I John 4:18) _____

6. What would the “Royal Law” of loving our neighbor as ourselves look like for the people in the following scenarios:

- A business man and his customers _____

- A soldier and his enemies _____

- A rich man meeting up with a beggar _____

- Someone who greets a brother who has some egg in his beard _____

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Do I treat others in the same way that I like to be treated or am I just like the world and think only about myself?
2. Do I “lay down my life for the brethren”; giving of my time, money, and talent to build up the body of Christ or do I spend my life’s substance on things that are more selfish?

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Doers of the Word

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Further Study: Lev 19:18,34, Rom 13:8-10, Lk 6:31

“...And you shall know The Truth,
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

