

Questions for Gospel Harmony #33 – The Sermon on the Mount (Part 14)

Matthew 7.7-11/Matthew 7.12; Luke 6.31

1. What must a person do in for something to be given, or to find something, or to have a door opened up for him? To whom does this principle apply? What is the specific subject to which Jesus is applying this principle in this context? (Matthew 7.7-8)
2. Explain the statements: “Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?” Why does Jesus say that His audience is “evil”? What are the “good things” that Jesus says the Father in Heaven will give to those who ask Him? (Matthew 7.11)
3. How does Jesus say that we should treat others? Explain the phrase: “For this is the Law and the Prophets.” What is significant about the word “therefore” in Matthew 7.12? (Matthew 7.12; Luke 6.31)

Special Question: Is this teaching, commonly called, “the Golden Rule” original to Jesus? How does it differ from similar teachings from other religious leaders and philosophers?

Matthew 7.12; [Luke 6.31](#)

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, [just as you want men to do to you](#), you do also to them [likewise](#), for this is the Law and the Prophets.