

“The Supreme **Standard** for All **Human** Relationships”

Matthew 7:7-12

Message Title: “The Supreme **Standard** for All **Human** Relationships”

- I. The Supreme **Standard** (vs 12)
 - a. The **Author** of the Supreme Standard
 - b. The **Reach** of the Supreme Standard
 - c. The **Initiator** of the Supreme Standard
 - d. The **Framework** of the Supreme Standard

Matthew 22:37-40 “Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** ³⁸ **This is the first and great commandment.** ³⁹ **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.** ⁴⁰ **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

- e. The **Action** of the Supreme Standard

C.S. Lewis “I cannot learn to love my neighbor as myself till I learn to love God, and I cannot learn to love God except by learning to obey Him.”

- II. The Divine **Commitment** (vs 7-8)

- a. The Commitment for the **Elect**

Matthew 6:32 “...**for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**”

- b. The Commitment for the **Willing**

James 1:6 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...”

- c. The Commitment for the **Hungering**

Mark 1:37 “And when they had found him, they said unto him, All *men* seek for thee.”

- d. The Commitment for the **Dedicated**

- III. The Straightforward **Logic** (vs 9-10)

- IV. The Fatherly **Enablement** (vs 11)

- V. The Loving **Application**

- a. We Must Love Others Enough to **Evangelize**
- b. We Must Love Others Enough to **Disciple**

c. We Must Love Others Enough to **Provide**

C.S. Lewis “When I have Learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.”