BCA BROADCAST

Bethel Christian Academy's Principal's Perspective

Other than reminding our students that God created them "on purpose, for a purpose," the topic of "loving others" may be the most common message I have shared with them this year. As Jesus said, the most important thing is to love God with all our heart, soul, & mind. That's obvious because it's the difference between Heaven and Hell when we die...But if you remember, Jesus said the second most important thing is to love others (Matthew 22:34-40)! So, it makes sense that we would work to teach our students that as well! While preparing for this week's devotion, I came across an article called "The New Golden Rule." As you likely know, The "Old" Golden Rule is to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," which is based on Matthew <u>6:31 & 7:12</u>.

Well, according to this article (which I am purposely not linking to), the "New" Golden Rule is "Treat Others as They Would Like to be Treated." Did you notice the subtle difference? As I'm sure you have noticed, society is trying desperately to move away from the restrictions of their God-given identity. People are seeking to break free from the any constraints: physical, emotional, spiritual, or otherwise. They don't want to conform to God's creative order (among other things that we who hold to a biblical worldview struggle to understand.)

Maybe I'm overthinking things and I'm making more of the "New Golden Rule" than I should. I don't think I am, but maybe...I fully acknowledge the value of someone's individuality and preferences, but in a world that insists that however someone feels is reality, and demands that everyone affirm that reality whether it is legitimate or not. In a world where people insist that what someone thinks is truth and should be affirmed as such, whether it is actually true or not, it is a slippery slope to say that someone should be treated the way "they" want to be treated.

As Christians, we need to absolutely love everyone, whether they agree with us or not; whether we agree with how they feel or how they want to be treated or not. We need to treat everyone with kindness and respect, whether they are kind to and respect us or our beliefs or not. Unfortunately, so many Christians don't know how to love others in a way that brings them closer to heaven. Society will say that "You either affirm everything I do and think and feel or you hate me." That's just not true, but since perception is reality, it's true to them. Because of this, many churches, and Christians, have begun to affirm sin in order to "love" someone who doesn't believe the Truth of the Gospel. If how "they want to be treated" doesn't line up with God's Word and His will, is it really loving them if we treat them that way?

Thanks and God Bless! Mr. Burnett, BCA Principal



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Weekly Devo

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