



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. How often do we do things without knowing why?

B. The problem with a tradition is that we often don't know the why behind the what

Ezekiel 43:10a (KJV) ¹⁰ Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel...

Ezekiel 43:10-11 (MSG) ¹⁰⁻¹¹ “Son of man, tell the people of Israel all about the Temple so they’ll be dismayed by their wayward lives. Get them to go over the layout. That will bring them up short. Show them the whole plan of the Temple, its ins and outs, the proportions, the regulations, and the laws. Draw a picture so they can see the design and meaning and live by its design and intent.”

C. Current series “This is what it looks like”

- Everyone has an expectation of what the church should be – whether they go to one or not
- But why do we have them?
- The answer is at the heart of what we say we as Christian’s believe

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT) ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)

Everything about Christian behavior is motivated because of what God did first. God has been extravagant in His love and grace toward us – that we should be that way toward others.

II. GOD SENT JESUS AS AN EXAMPLE

A. Most know the golden rule – but there’s another lesser known one

John 13:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

- When Jesus said this he raised the bar – not a golden but platinum rule
- **The example is that our behavior toward others is to be governed by God’s behavior towards us.**

B. Everything in Christianity flows from His example

John 13:34-35 (NLT) ³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

C. Jesus wants us to do things differently



III. THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

A. What is rich?

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG) ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow.

The deceitfulness of “rich” is the idea that once I have more I'll be happier and more secure

B. God knows He's in a competition for your heart

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG) Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage — Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage — to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

IV. THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

A. We are to reflect God and be an example

- **Practicing to be rich reflects God in our world**
 - **Do good**
 - **Help others**
 - **Be extravagantly generous**

Galatians 6:9-10 (NLT) ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.