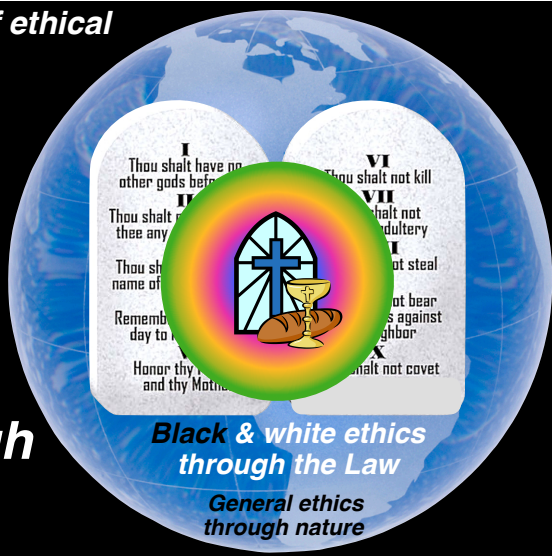
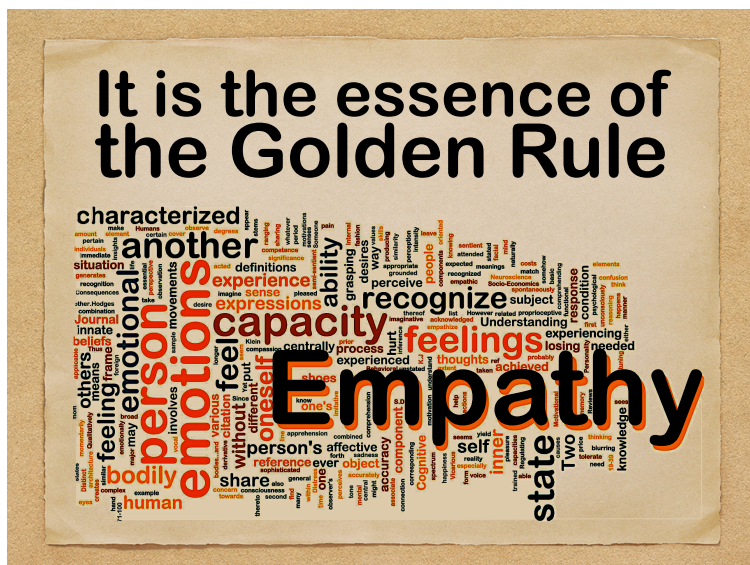


**Living
color
ethics
through
Christ.**



1.
It is the foundation
of all human ethics.

It is the essence of the Golden Rule



That nature only is good
when it shall not do unto
another whatever is not good
for it s own self.

Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself.



What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary.



**This is the sum of duty:
do naught to others that
which if done to thee
would cause pain.**



**Hurt not others with
that which pains
yourself.**



Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother what he desires for himself.

Empathy is the front door to the house of human ethics.

To enter by any other
way is to never quite
be at home there.



C.S. Lewis

“You don’t need religion to have morals. If you can’t determine right from wrong then you lack empathy, not religion.”

Those who suppress the image of God

**Envy, Excuse,
or Exclude**

while those who show God's image
Empathize.

Empathy

2.
**It is at the heart
of the Gospel.**

**It is an important attribute
of God.**

Psalm 56:8

"You have taken
account of my
wanderings; put my
tears in Your bottle.
Are they not in Your book?"



**It is the essence of
the Incarnation.**

Matthew 1:23

"And they shall
call His name
Immanuel,
which translated
means, "God
with us"."



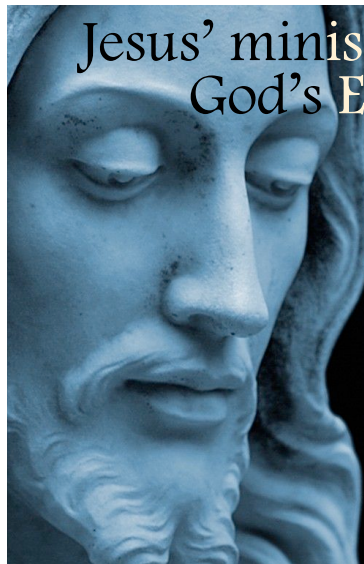
**Empathy connects
a caring God with a broken world.**



**Jesus' ministry shows us
God's Empathy.**

Hebrews 4:15

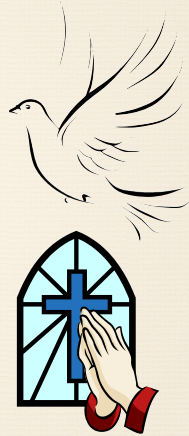
"For we do not have
a high priest who
cannot sympathize
with our weaknesses,
but One who has
been tempted in all
things as we are, yet
without sin."



The Spirit's ministry is Empathetic.

Romans 8:26-27

"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."



Philippians 2

"5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

1. Empathy is from the inside out. vs.5

2. Empathy does not consider "ONE'S OWN RIGHTS." vs.6

3. Empathy takes the initiative to lay "self" aside. vs.7

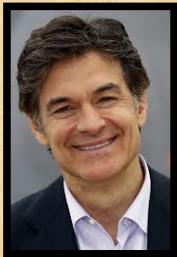
4. Empathy is willing to suffer loss for what is love. vs.8

Ephesians 4:32

"And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, **just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**"

Colossians 3:13

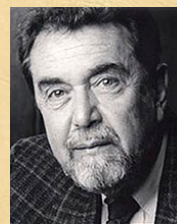
"bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; **just as the Lord forgave you**, so also should you."



Dr. Oz

"The opposite of anger is not calmness, its empathy."

Leo Buscaglia



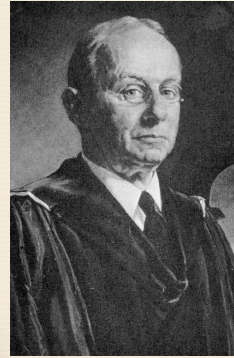
"I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate - it's apathy, It's not giving a damn."

Stephen Covey



"When you listen with empathy to another person, you give that person psychological air."

Dr. James Rowland Angell



"His key to success as president of Yale University was to grow antennae, not horns."

Barack Obama



"We live in a culture that discourages empathy. A culture that too often tells us our principal goal in life is to be rich, thin, young, famous, safe, and entertained."

"Movies that encourage empathy are more effective than those that objectify problems."



*Roger Ebert
(Film critic)*

"If you find yourself saying 'But I'm just being honest', chances are you've just been unkind."

***Honesty
doesn't heal.
Empathy does."***

*Dan Waldschmidt
(Business Strategist)*



Heaven is a city of perfect, empathetic, fellowship

1 Corinthians 13:12

"I will know fully just as I have been fully known"





*If Heaven is a
city of perfect,
empathetic,
fellowship*

*what do
you think
Hell is like?*

*Our pain comes not so much
from our being broken people
in a broken world as it does
from the sense of isolation
that brokenness creates.*

Isolation is the essence of hell.

*Empathy removes
isolation.*

*The deepest desires
of our hearts are:*

*To be reconciled to God,
each other, & ourselves.*

*To be known
and to know*

Empathy

*3.
Its Development*

Three critical questions

- 1. Can you remember the last time someone listened to you with empathetic understanding?*
- 2. Can you FORGET that experience?*
- 3. What have you learned from it?*

How is empathy developed?

- 1. It is learned as it is **modeled** for us by others (especially early in life).*
- 2. It is cultivated through **listening**.*
- 3. It is acquired as we **audit** our own souls.*
- 4. It is an AP that comes with the installment of **Christ's Spirit**.*

Empathy & the Word of the Cross

The good news is
**we are offered resurrection
power in Christ.**



The bad news is
**we must first share
in Christ's death
to experience it.**

Empathy & Water Baptism



Romans 6:4

"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Baptism pictures our death and resurrection in and with Christ.



Empathy & a living sacrifice

Romans 12

"¹ I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies **a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**"



Kim Harrison
(author)

"treat people with understanding when you can, and fake it when you can't – **until you do understand.**"



Jeff Philbrook

Guideposts



1 Peter 3

"⁸ To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹ not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."

Note: **These are the words of Peter.**