

Your handy guide for

HOW TO BE HUMAN

Basic instructions for living according to Jesus



a reference for the rest of us!

Fundamentals Gary Lee Webber May 2, 2021

It has been said that everything we really need to know in life was taught in kindergarten. The basic fundamentals of being human are so simple a child can understand them, yet so profound that we spend our entire lives trying to live them out. Jesus' directions for how to be human are shockingly simple, abundantly clear, incredibly memorable, and profoundly practical. But even after more than 2000 years, Jesus' directions are still rarely applied. G.K. Chesterson put it best, "The Christian faith has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried." Join us for the final part of *How to Be Human* where we will explore Jesus' four fundamental rules for being human.

Passage (read it):

Luke 6:39-49 and 7:1-10

Principles (know them):

- You are who you _____ (Luke 6:39-40)
- You judge in others what you _____ (Luke 6:41-42)
- You harvest what you _____ (Luke 6:43-45)
- Your foundation determines your _____ (Luke 6:46-49)

Practices (do it):

- Take time to reflect on your answers to the following questions:
1. Who or what are you following?
 2. What do you tend to persistently judge in others?
 3. Is your life producing bad fruit?
 4. How is your foundation?

MOMMY AND ME TEA -- SATURDAY, MAY 8, AT 10:30 A.M. --

The NextGen Ministry would like to honor all of the special ladies in our lives. If you're a mom, step-mom, grandma, Nana, Grammy, Mimi, Gigi, aunt, or any other special lady in the life of our children, you're invited! We will serve tea and lemonade with a light snack in the prayer garden from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kids will decorate a photo frame to hold a picture from our photo booth so that you can cherish this time together. Please RSVP so that we can be sure to have enough snacks and supplies for everyone.



CALL TO PRAYER -- MAY 4, 7:00 P.M. --

Throughout the Bible, believers are called to pray. Come gather with us on the first Tuesday of every month as we support and encourage one another, and seek to change our church and community through the power of prayer.

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!
We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. Does our society have a double standard when it comes to famous compared to “the rest of us?” Do you think that is fair? Why or why not?

2. Should there be a different standard for those of us who are following Jesus from the rest of the world? If so, how should we be different? Should leaders among us be held to yet an even higher/different standard? Why or why not?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

3. Read 1 Timothy 1:1-7.

- Who is this letter from and who was the original recipient? What was their relationship? How important is it for us to have a Paul and a Timothy in our lives today? Do you have a Paul and/or a Timothy in your life?
- Why did Paul want Timothy to stay in Macedonia? If these teachers were teaching the law (*verse 7*) then what was the problem?
- What did Paul say was the “aim of our charge”? (*verse 5*) How would the absence of that filter lead to inaccurate teachings of the law? Relate this idea to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:12, Matthew 22:37-40, and John 13:34-35.

4. Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11.

- What does Paul mean when he says for the law to be good it must be used lawfully?
- According to Paul, for whom is the law intended? For whom is it not intended? What does that mean? How might this relate to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:12, Matthew 22:37-40, and John 13:34-35?
- What does it mean to hold these laws “in accordance with the Gospel?” What happens when Christians fail to hold the law “in accordance with the Gospel?”

5. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-20.

- How does Paul’s past qualify him for God’s mission? How might God use your past in a similar way?
- What was Paul’s charge to Timothy? What has happened to those who have rejected this command? What does Paul mean by saying that he has “turned them over to Satan” and what does he hope will happen as a result?
- What do we need to do as a church to encourage the kind of relationship we see between Paul and Timothy? What are you willing and able to do to make that happen?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

6. Spend time discussing your accountability relationships. Who is your Paul (a more mature believer who is pouring into you)? Who is your Timothy (a younger believer in whom you are investing)? Who is your Barnabas (a peer within whom you can confide as you encourage and hold each other accountable)? If you do not have one or more of these, brainstorm ideas and make plans to establish each relationship. Talk about it, invite accountability and pray together.

Daily Readings:

The Apostle Paul mentored and trained many young believers. In addition to offering basic instructions in the best way to be human, he also offered practical suggestions for ways to help other people follow the ways of Jesus. This week you will read Paul’s instructions to Timothy. As you read take note of those things that apply to everyone and the things that should especially be true of leaders.

Day 1: 1 Timothy 1 & 2

Day 2: 1 Timothy 3 & 4

Day 3: 1 Timothy 5

Day 4: 1 Timothy 6

Day 5: 2 Timothy 1 & 2

Day 6: 2 Timothy 3

Day 7: 2 Timothy 4

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Suggested Resources:

Books:

Unoffendable, by Brant Hansen

Other sermon series at ssbc.org

Walk This Way (2019)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, May 2, 2021

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