

To Live The Golden Rule of Love

To Love Life Rightly is to Love GOD – Leo Tolstoy’s War and Peace

"The most difficult thing - but an essential one - is to love life, to love it even while one suffers, because life is all. Life is GOD, and to love life means to love GOD." ¹

JOB 33:4

[Job confessed,] The Spirit ² of GOD hath made me, and The Breath ³ of The Almighty hath given me life. ⁴

I JOHN 4:7-8

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for Love is of GOD; and every one that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD.

⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not GOD; for GOD is Love ⁵. ⁶

MATTHEW 7:12

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is The Law and The Prophets. ⁷

A Prayer

Lord, give us a right love of You, others and self. May we find The Peace which passes all understanding, by Your Amazing Grace, living joyfully and keeping our duty to You and others as in The Ten Commandments. For this is The Law and The Prophets. AMEN.

¹ End quotation in movie, "War and Peace," 1956. Based on book, "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy, 1869. <http://www.tcm.com/tcmdb/title/95063/War-and-Peace/notes.html>
Epic novel set during Napoleonic Wars (1805 – 1814) and the invasion of Russia.

² "Spirit" of GOD - רוּחַ - RU'ACH. Genesius' Hebrew Lexicon, # H7307. "As gift, preserved by GOD, GOD's Spirit, departing at death;" The Breath of Life, given by The Creator, that animates the body of man. See also ISAIAH 42:5.
<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7307&t=KJV>

³ "Breath" of The Almighty, - נְשָׁמָה - NESHAMAH. Genesius' Hebrew Lexicon, # H5397. "The Spirit of GOD, imparting life and wisdom;" The Breath of The LORD, giving life to the soul or spirit of man. See also GENESIS 2:7.
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⁴ King James Version Bible, JOB 33:4.

⁵ "Love" of GOD - ἀγάπη - Agape. Strong's Greek Lexicon, # G26. Divine "affection, good will, love and benevolence" of GOD is Perfect. Human love, though imperfect, should aspire to mirror The Perfect Love of GOD, others and a right love of self. Thus The Two Great Commandments. See DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 & LEVITICUS 19:18; MATTHEW 22:36-40.

⁶ King James Version Bible, I JOHN 4:7-8.

⁷ King James Version Bible, MATTHEW 7:12. "The Golden Rule," based on The Perfect Love of GOD, sums up The Two Great Commandments, to love GOD and others. Thus, we are called to live out The First Table of The 10 Commandments - to love GOD - and The Second Table of The 10 Commandments - to love others [and keep a right love of self]. See EXODUS 20:1-17 and ROMANS 13:8-10.