

QUEST 52 – Chapter 28

Week of July 13, 2025

KEY POINTS:

- Jesus is a genius, putting earth-altering truth into bumper sticker statements.
- Jesus' values turn the world's values upside down.
- Jesus altered ethics by shifting the focus from behavior to motives

QUESTIONS:

- After reading the essay, consider this question: Which of these five alterations of ethics do you find most challenging?
- Read Exodus 20:1-17, the Ten Commandments. How would they be seen differently through the lens of Jesus's ethics?
- Meditate on Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:13; 1 John 3:16-18. Christian ethics is based on love. How would you define love based on these passages?
- Discussion:
 - Can you think of a time when someone kept the letter of the law but still violated the intention of the law? Share an illustration.
 - If you grew up in church, would you say your church focused more on the letter of the law or the intention of the law?
 - Which of these five alterations of ethics do you think our culture is in most need of now?
 - Which of these five is most natural for you? Which is most difficult?
- Pick a day this week (or perhaps just an hour) and try to perfectly live out the Golden Rule.