

Job 16:4-5

I also could speak as you do, If your soul were in my soul's place. I could heap up words against you, And shake my head at you; But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.

Treat others as you would want them to treat you.

We have all heard this, but how many of us actually do it? You get in an argument with your spouse and yell at him or her, but do you really like being yelled at? If not then you are not treating others (your spouse), as you would want them to treat you.

We look down on others when they mess up, be it at work, or the store, or the street corners, even in our own family. Yet, how do we want to be treated when we mess up? Jesus hung of the cross; blood flowing from His whipped and beaten body, yet still Jesus treated others, as He wanted to be treated, with love and compassion.

† **Luke 23:34a** *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

In today's devotional verses, this is Job talking to his three friends. These three friends wanted to condemn Job for what had happened to him. Even Job's own wife would not be there with words of comfort.

† **Job 2:9** *Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"*

I wonder if the tables were turned and it was happening to one of Job's three friends, how they would want to be treated? Reading about Job, I'm sure he would have spoken to them more with words of love and encouragement than the verbal abuse and the verbal blasting that they were giving Job.

So, today. Who do you know that is having a bad day, week, months or several years? If you were in their shoes, how would you want to be treated?

† **Luke 10:37b** *Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

† **1 Thessalonians 4:9** *But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;*