

## **“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis    Book 3 – Christians Behaviour, Chapter 9: “Charity”**

“The three theological virtues are Faith, Hope, and Charity.”

Charity – alms, giving to the poor

When we think of charity with regard to ourselves, what do we think about?

“Do not waste time bothering whether you love your neighbor; act as if you did.”

Mathew 19:19 – Jesus said:

“...and love your neighbor as yourself.”

1. Do not give to boost your own ego or status.
2. Do not give to put others in your debt and wait for their gratitude.

The non-Christian man treats certain people kindly because he likes them.

The Christian man likes more people as he gives, even those he could not see himself liking.

The more cruel you are, the more you will hate. And the more you hate, the crueler you become.

Compound Interest - Bad deeds feed evil, while good deeds feed good.

## **Chapter 10: “Hope”**

Hope – a theological virtue

Looking forward to an eternal world:

Has something evaded you in your life that you had hoped for?

**The fool:** puts the blame on the things themselves.

**The disillusioned sensible man:** does not expect much and represses hopeful desires.

**The Christian man:** keeps his hope on the eternal Heavenly kingdom