

# **“Others, a Burden or a Blessing”**

## **Matt. 22:36-40**

### Introduction

- I. It has rightfully been said that “man is not an island unto himself” (1 Cor. 5:9-10).
- II. Each one of us has to deal with people on a regular basis.
  - A. How do we view our interactions with others?
  - B. Are fulfilling God's desire for us (Matt. 22:36-40)?
  - C. We should look to how Jesus dealt with others as our example.

### Discussion

- I. Jesus and some of His interactions with others.
  - A. The feeding of the 5000 and the 4000 (Matt. 14:13-21; Matt. 15:32-39).
  - B. The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34).
  - C. The woman taken in adultery (John 8:3-11).
  - D. Among publicans and “sinners” (Luke 5:29-32).
- II. How do we look and speak about our interactions with others.
  - A. Do we look at others from the perspective of “what if I were” (Matt. 7:12)?
  - B. How do we deal with issues with other brethren (Matt. 18:15-17)?
  - C. Do we refuse to interact with others because they do not look/dress/talk like me (James 2:1-9; Gal. 6:10)?
  - D. We must recognize how our behavior will influence others (Gal. 2:6-13).
  - E. Have I ever intentionally undermined someone for my selfish desires (Acts 19:23-41)?
- III. Remember that having others around us is a blessing (Gen. 2:18; Gal. 6:2, 9).

### Conclusion

- I. How do we look at others?
- II. Do we still think of them as a burden?
- III. Paul emphasized how important it is that we learn to interact well with others (1 Cor. 9:19-23).