

# Living By the Golden Rule



“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

**Matthew 7:12**

# Obligation Involved in the Golden Rule

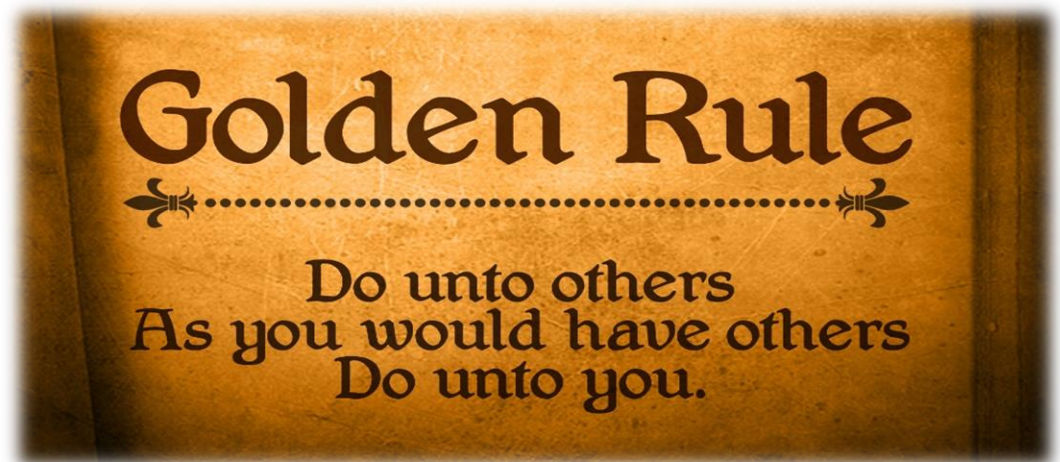
“Let all your dealings with men be conducted in the same spirit in which you would desire them to deal with you”

- “golden rule” says do
- Responsibility is placed on my shoulders
- An obligation of love
  - John 15:12
  - John 13:34-35



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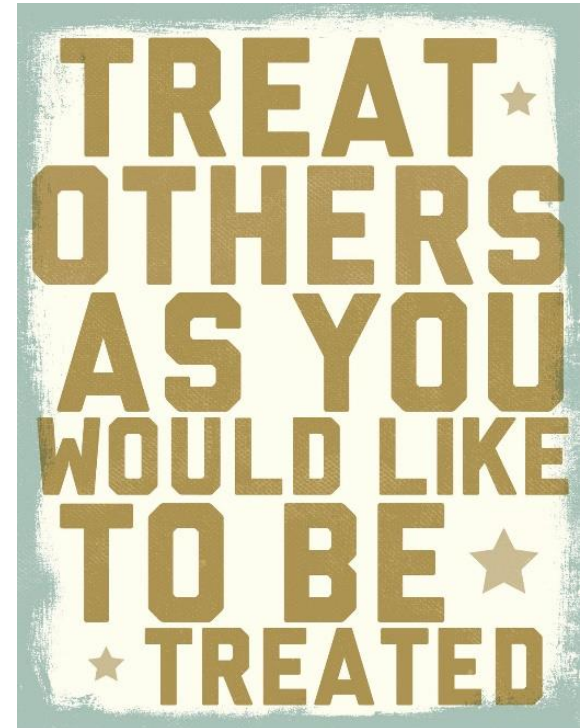
- An obligation of kindness and forgiveness
  - Ephesians 4:32
- An obligation of compassion
  - 1 Peter 3:8
  - Matthew 9:36



# Golden Rule

## Versus Rules of Society

- The “vandal” rule
  - The “pleasure” rule
  - The “iron” rule
  - The “it’s legal” rule
  - The “non-involvement” rule
  - The “brass” rule
  - The “silver” rule
- “do not do unto others what you would not want them to do to you”



# Golden Rule

## Would Make a Difference!

- **Divorce would be canceled**
  - Men how to treat their wives:
    - Ephesians 5:22-33
    - 1 Peter 3:7
  - Women how to treat their husbands
    - 1 Peter 3:1-6
    - Titus 2:4
- **Child/Parental abuse would stop**
  - Ephesians 6:1-4

# **Golden Rule**

## **Would Make a Difference!**

- **No need for unions or legislation**
- **Jails, etc. would be unnecessary**
- **More unfaithful would be restored**
- **Arguments, etc. no longer a problem**
- **Friendships would remain loyal**
- **Relationship with God would be strong**
- **More people being taught the truth**

# Golden Rule

## Broken in Many Ways

- Parents neglect their children
- Children neglect their parents
- Husbands neglect their wives
- Wives neglect their husbands
- We neglect to see the needs of others
  - Matthew 25:31-46
  - Galatians 6:1-2, 10
- Often neglect to teach the lost
  - Romans 10:1, 13-15

# Golden Rule

## Broken in Many Ways

- **By ignoring others because we think we are better than they are**
  - **Luke 14:7-11**
- **By sarcastic remarks**
- **By the use of gossip and slander**
  - **Galatians 5:15**
  - **Tongue must be guarded at all times**
    - **James 3**



# Why Do We Break the Golden Rule?

- Our own sins cause us to treat others as we do
- Jealousy and envy is often the cause
- Ignorance
- A lack of love
  - John 13:34-35



# Conclusion

Matthew  
7:12

Nothing could go further in  
changing life in general for  
the better than living the  
**“golden rule”**