

THE GOLDEN RULE

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

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"Golden Rule," is perhaps one of the most quoted in the Bible. Unfortunately, men have often corrupted this verse. You've often heard someone say something to the effect of "Do unto others as they do unto you," or "Do unto others as they do unto you." But what exactly is included in the Golden Rule?

First, the Golden Rule is a comprehensive rule. Notice Jesus' words, "*All things whatsoever.*" If there is anything we would that men should do to us, we are to do to them. If you were lost, wouldn't you want someone to tell you? Of course, you would! But Jesus' teaching is not limited to areas of religion. It includes all areas of life, including such simple traits as being polite, kind, fair, honest, and courteous in our dealings with others.

Second, the Golden Rule is an introspective rule. Notice the words, "*All things whatsoever ye would.*" Practicing the Golden Rule as we ought requires that we examine our own hearts. It requires that we examine our standard of right and wrong as well as our own system of morals and values.

Third, the Golden Rule is a universal rule. Notice the words, "*Whatsoever ye would that men.*" The word men is here translated from the Greek word *anthropos* (from which we get our English word anthropology). It does not refer to the male gender, but rather to all persons whether they be male or female, friend or enemy, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, black or white, etc. Therefore, I know I am to practice the Golden Rule without partiality.

Fourth, the Golden Rule is an active rule. Notice Jesus' words, "*Do ye even so to them.*" Jesus is not teaching that we ought to merely feel sympathetic toward others (although this is important). The Golden Rule deals with our behavior, our actions towards others. Notice the words of James: "*If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*" (James 2:15-16).

- Rod Halliburton, Cullendale Church of Christ, Camden, AR

Do unto others as if they were you,
And you were receiver of that which they do,
Be free with your service for life is a school
Wherein you should live by the Golden Rule.
Be honest, be faithful, be truthful and kind;
Have pity for others, their needs bear in mind;
Have mercy, be thoughtful, forget ridicule,
For this is the goal of the Golden Rule.

- Author Unknown -

Treasures in heaven are laid up as treasures on earth are laid down.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the Carbone family, relatives in this congregation, and friends at the passing of Jim Carbone. Jim and his wife, Carolyn and their children were formerly part of this congregation. Jim was the son-in-law of Helene Wilson. God bless and comfort this family. Carolyn's address is: 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438.

RESTORED: Fred Rayl. Send cards of encouragement to: 858 Park Blvd., East Liverpool, OH 43920.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: Mary Nelson.

NEW ADDRESS: Don & Donna Parsons, 14980 Sprucevale Road, Unit 110, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Phone: 330-932-0170.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

FOX BIRTHDAY PARTY: The birthday party at Fox Nursing Home for the residents who have December birthdays will be this Thursday, Dec. 13th at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the party. See Martha Noland for details.

LADIES WORK DAY: Saturday, Dec. 15th, 9:00 a.m. at the Multipurpose Building. This is to prepare and distribute care baskets.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING: Monday, Dec. 31st, 6:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. All are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy this evening of food, fellowship, and singing.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: The following have serious health or physical concerns: Bette Gentry, Dan Williams (Sharon's husband), Cole Bellon (Michelle Hanlon's nephew).

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Shirley Beagle, John Sprout, Geraldine Barrett, Harry & Imogene Nice, Fred Rayl, Doris Dunham, Don Parsons, Ella Beagle, Diane Robinson, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Bette Gentry, Dan Williams, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole. **NURSING HOMES:** Fox: Ray Baker. Pleasantview N. Retirement & Rehab., Salem: Ruby Kenney. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKittrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

To Know All Is To Forgive All

If I knew you and you knew me - If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine the meaning of your heart and mine -
I'm sure that we would differ less and clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree if I knew you, and you knew me.
If I knew you and you knew me - as each one knows his own self, we
Could look each other in the face and see therein a truer grace.
Life has so many hidden woes, so many thorns for every rose;
The "why" of things our hearts would see, if I knew you and you knew me.

- Nixon Waterman -

(submitted by Jackie Parsons)