

"The Golden Rule"

Have you ever heard of or read Murphy's Laws? Murphy, whoever he is, came up with a variation of the golden Rule. Murphy's Golden Rule is, "He who has the gold, rules." Sad to say, many people live by it. Well, I prefer Jesus' Golden Rule, and why? The Lord said, "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, SO treat them ..." (**Matthew 7:12**). If we were to practice this incredible rule, it could solve most of the problems that exist in our society and down at church. Think about what the Lord said, "However you want people to treat you, so treat them." Those words are simple, yet sublime.

Do you want people to speak kindly about you? If so, then practice the Golden Rule and speak kindly about others.

Do you want people to show you respect? If so, then practice the Golden Rule and show others respect.

Do you want people to give you the benefit of the doubt? If so, then practice the Golden Rule and give others the benefit of the doubt.

Do you want people to show you patience? If so, then be willing to practice the Golden Rule and show patience.

I could go on and on, but by now you get the picture. The Lord is teaching us reciprocity. (I like using this word reciprocity; it is a big word that an educated man might use.) The idea is mutual exchange. I can say from my own life experiences, in most cases, this does work. When I have been kind to others, they usually respond with kindness. Those I love seem to love me.

I have an idea. Let's try an experiment. For the next month, let's make a commitment to at least try to treat others the way we would like to be treated, just to see how it might change our lives and the lives of others. Let's do it not only down at church, but let us practice it with others as well.

- Rick Rollin, Westvue Church of Christ, Lewisburg, TN, via *Bulletin Digest*

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,
a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment,
or the smallest act of caring,
all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*

- Leo Buscaglia -



The joy of doing good may be the only reward we receive — but it's worth it!

News & Notes

CHESTER'S VBS: We have just concluded a successful VBS. Interest and attendance were good. Our average attendance was 143.

SYMPATHY: To Jerry Godwin & family (former members here) at the passing of Jerry's dad, George. May God bless and comfort the family.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: This week, June 23-28.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled this Tuesday, June 24th. Resumes Tuesday, July 1st at 9:00 a.m. All ladies invited.

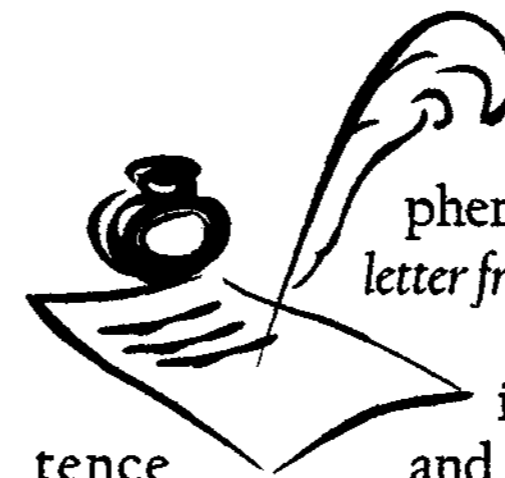
PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

DISHES: To any who have prepared food for funerals or covereddishes dinners and left their dishes or pans, please pick them up. They are in the church building basement.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Crystal Baker (Connie Cowdery's daughter), and those of our congregation who have serious health concerns or need encouragement.

SICK: Ella Beagle (at Vera Groves'), Bob & Scharlotte Cyphers (with their daughter, Joyce Vantilburg), Dan Williams, Bette Gentry. Calcutta Health Care: Ruby Eddy. Others confined to their homes and in nursing homes are listed on the bulletin board.

The Bible As A Letter



Soren Kierkegaard, a brilliant 19th Century philosopher, said this about the Bible: "The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it."

How true! The Bible tells us who's behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we're to live our years on earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of the saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God's immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now, but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and ever!

- Fairview church of Christ, Fairview, TN, via *Bulletin Digest*