



Understanding the Golden Rule Matthew 7:12

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

I. The Foundation of the Golden Rule

Matthew 7:11 – “...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

Exodus 34:6 (NKJV)

The Lord (is) merciful and gracious and abounding in goodness and truth.

Psalms 33:5 (NKJV)

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Psalms 34:8 (HCSB)

Taste and see that the LORD is good. How happy is the man who takes refuge in Him!

II. The Application of the Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12 – “...in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”

The Message:

“Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.”

- It is Personal
- It is Positive

- It is Practical
- It is Pervasive
- It is Problematic

III. The Motivation of the Golden Rule

“...for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

- It Simplifies all of Life
- It Transforms every Relationship

