
Matthew 7:12 Golden Rule

Today, we read one of the most famous maxims in all of Jesus' teaching—the Golden Rule. Often summed up: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. On face value it seems that this is not very different from earthly values. We live in a culture that espouses diversity, equity, and inclusion—treat everyone fairly. However, Jesus' statement here is far from earthly, far from the mundane. The golden rule is greater than any earthly counterfeit.

¹² "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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The Golden Rule is different than what the world offers. It is positive, not negative. It is active and not passive. It is based on the goodness of God and is about loving others. It gives us a summary of how to live out the righteousness of God.

Discussion Questions

- What rules do you tend to live by or do you prefer a rule-free life?
- Read Matthew 22:36-40 & Romans 13:9. How does the golden rule fulfill the Law & Prophets?
- How would following the golden rule change your relationships? Your marriage?
- What are some examples of people who have done this well?
- What do you need to start doing to live according to this golden rule?

Prayer

Break up into smaller groups for prayer.

- Who are you praying for to know Jesus?
- What gospel conversations have you had this week with someone who doesn't follow Jesus?
- How is your time with God?
- What are you praying for?
- What are you struggling with?