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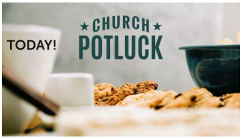
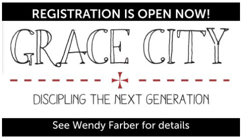
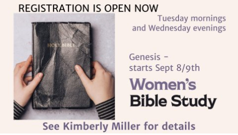
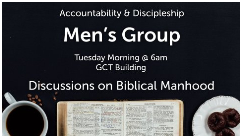
August 9, 2026: Living Out the Golden Rule Changes Everything
Matthew 7:12





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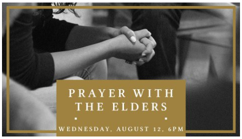

Philippians 2:5–11 ESV

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men....

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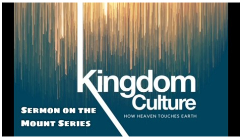
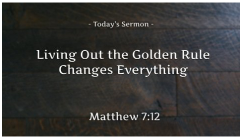
♫ **All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name (Coronation)**

♫ **Rise With The Sun**

♫ **Better Is One Day**




- Today's Sermon -

Living Out the Golden Rule Changes Everything

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Matthew 7:12 KJV1900

> 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.

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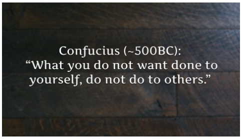
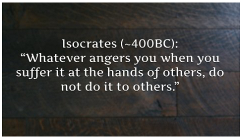
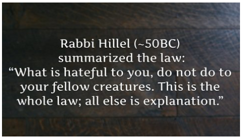

Confucius (~500BC):
“What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.”


Isocrates (~400BC):
“Whatever angers you when you suffer it at the hands of others, do not do it to others.”


Rabbi Hillel (~50BC) summarized the law:
“What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow creatures. This is the whole law; all else is explanation.”

Luke 10:25–37 KJV1900

> And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy...

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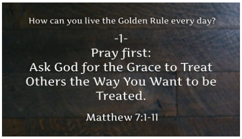
How can you live the Golden Rule every day?

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Pray first:
Ask God for the Grace to Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated.

Matthew 7:1-11

Matthew 7:1–11 KJV1900

> Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that...

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Romans 6:20–23 KJV1900

> For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your...

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The Golden Rule begins on your knees and continues with your hands and mouth.

How can you live the Golden Rule every day?

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Remember:
God Commands Kingdom Living Through the Golden Rule

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The Golden Rule is the King’s command for kingdom citizens.

Matthew 5:20 KJV1900

> For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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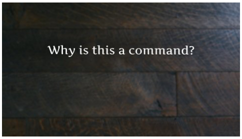
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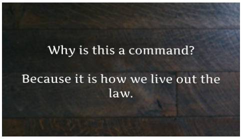
Why is this a command?

Because it is how we live out the law.

Matthew 22:35–40 KJV1900

> Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy…

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Matthew 5:17 KJV1900

> Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

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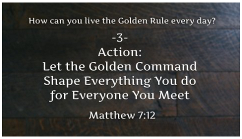

How can you live the Golden Rule every day?

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Action:
Let the Golden Command
Shape Everything You do
for Everyone You Meet

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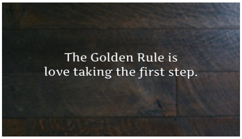
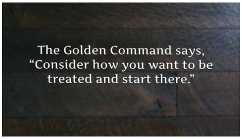
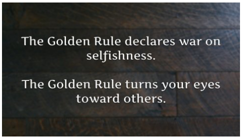


The Golden Rule is
love taking the first step.

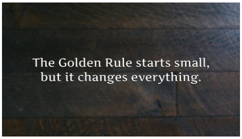


The Golden Command says,
"Consider how you want to be
treated and start there."

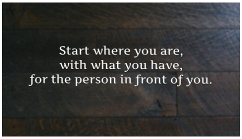


The Golden Rule declares war on
selfishness.

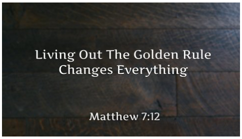
The Golden Rule turns your eyes
toward others.



The Golden Rule starts small,
but it changes everything.



Start where you are,
with what you have,
for the person in front of you.



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Changes Everything

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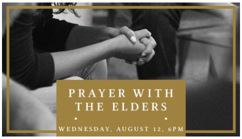
♫ **Abide With Me (Eventide)**

♫ **Cornerstone**



PRAYER WITH THE ELDERS

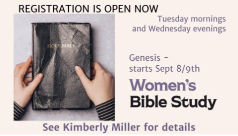
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 6PM

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details



REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

Tuesday mornings
and Wednesday evenings

Genesis –
starts Sept 8/9th

Women's Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details

Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

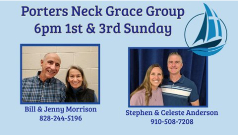
Tuesday Morning @ 6am
GCT Building

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

Volunteers Needed for Monthly Baby Pantry Ministry

GRACE GROUPS

Ready to Grow in GRACE Together? Contact any of our Grace Group Leaders for More Information



Porters Neck Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

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828-244-5196

Stephen & Celeste Anderson
910-508-7208

Castle Hayne Grace Group
1st Sunday at 5pm & 3rd Friday at 6.30pm

Bobby & Wendy Rosinbaum
910-602-0121

Rob & Harriet Sullivan
919-917-5988

Washington Acres Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Ben & Ashlyn Regier
910-431-5646

Warren & Miriam Rich
910-622-1711

Country Club Drive Grace Group
6pm Every Friday

Tom & Kimberly Miller
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Max & Melissa Luke
910-619-0168

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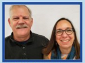
6pm 1st & 3rd Friday


Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

Evan & Micaela Head
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North Belvedere Grace Group
5pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bob & Necey Highet
910-785-1247

Tom & Barbara Sheldon
410-610-7123

Holly Ridge/Sneads Ferry Grace Group
6pm Friday, Every 2 weeks

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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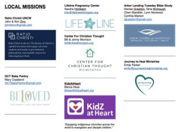
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



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Ratio Christi (Latin for "The Reason of Christ") is a global movement that equips university students and faculty to give historical, philosophical, and scientific reasons for following Jesus Christ.

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"Equipping indigenous churches across the world to evangelize and disciple children."

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Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Malachi 3:16 Prayer Group

Meets Fridays @ 10am

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Need a babysitter?
Need an Uber?

Send your business info to Stacy Leicht to be added to a list of services provided by GCT members

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