

GOLDEN RULE (2)

Matt 7.12

Recap...Let's use Jesus as our example:

- 1. ACTION:** DO. Treating others properly is a "doing" thing
John 7&8: I do the WORKS of Moses and you try to kill me....I speak the truth...
James 1: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;
for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.
But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty, continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work,
this one will be blessed in what he does.
- 2. SCOPE.** "Whatever you want MEN..." All people...all the time...everywhere!
Jesus ministered to a centurion; samaritan; prostitute; fisherman, tax...EVERYONE
- 3. CLARITY** Very little ambiguity! *Y treat someone else the way you want to be treated.*
Forgive the unforgivable; love the unloveable; Respect people, etc...

At its deepest level...How should I treat:

That wealthy, arrogant person?	Drug addict?	Prostitute?
Transgender?	Democrat?	Republican?
Biden supporter?	Trump supporter?	

Remember, we are from another dominion and realm that supercedes this fallen world.

We are a redeemed people: COSEN...ROYAL..PRIESTHOOD...

GLORIFIED race of beings that have been authority to control this realm, God's possession.

We are going to judge the angels; He has made us unto God kings and priests and we shall reign on Earth (Rev 5)
If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him (2 Tim 2)

HOW to APPLY THIS RULE In THOUGHT. In WORD. In DEED.

IN THOUGHT Just about everything in our lives begins in the MIND.

In the multitude of my THOUGHTS within me, Your comforts delight my soul. (Psa 94)

Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts (Psa 139)

Two thoughts about thoughts!

1. The word in both of those Psalms can be translated better as ANXIETIES...
2. LIT: A disquieting thought or a cogitation. Now there's an interesting word!
The word cogitation literally means to turn over in the mind... ..over and over and over and over...
The root word of cogitation is "cog"...a gear...
Oh boy, how we love to take a thought, and like a little GEAR start turning it over and over and over and over...

This Invariably leads us to the vain imaginations of 2 Cor 10.5:

Casting down imaginations in every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God
and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of X!

CHECK the thoughts. CHECK the anxieties. CHECK the imaginations!

The dramatic importance of Heb 4: *The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged...*

In WORD

Let the words of my mouth AND the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you!

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks

2 Cor 4.13: From our walk of faith... Paul: It is written: I believed and therefore I spoke, We also who believe, THEREFORE we speak!

In DEED

Paul: In word and deed (Rom 15.18)

For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. (Matt 15)

WAIT: are those thoughts or are they deeds???

What begins in the MIND, moves to WORD and then to DOING.

If there is anything the world needs now, it is Spirit-filled believers acting out the Love of Jesus!

Men and women doing the work of the cross!

“Why are you acting that way? Why are you...”

Not retaliating? Turn the other cheek

Not fighting I'm trusting not fighting

Not angry I'm not angry because I'M BLESSED

My hands are not wringing, they are raised in praise!

Surely goodness and mercy...

That's why we treat others with mercy and grace...

BECAUSE I WANT MERCY AND GRACE BACK!!!

HEAPED on me...LOADED on me...SHOWErING on me...