

**Matthew 7:12**  
**The Golden Rule: Treating Others the Way Our King Treats Us**

**Matthew 7:7-12** – “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and Prophets.”

**The Golden Rule in the Sermon on the Mount:**

- Sermon on the Mount: Jesus describes citizens of the Kingdom of God.
- The Golden Rule: Jesus gives a summary of the standard of Kingdom Living.

**The Golden Rule:**

- The Golden Rule emphasizes positive, proactive treatment of others.
- The Golden rule is not dependent on the response of others.
- The Golden Rule is rooted in the message of the Law and Prophets.

**Kingdom Citizens treat others out of the overflow of their life in Christ.**

**Answering three Golden Rule questions:**

**1. How do I want to be treated?**

<i>Perspective of the Flesh</i>	<i>Perspective of the Spirit</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the flesh I want what is easy.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Spirit I want what pushes me to Jesus.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the flesh I want what brings me glory.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Spirit I want what brings God glory.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the flesh I want what gives me power.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Spirit I want what reminds me of the Gospel.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the flesh I want what gives me pleasure.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Spirit I want what causes me to grow.</li></ul>

**2. How has Jesus treated me?**

**Romans 5:8-11** – “... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall

*we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*

- A. Jesus has fulfilled for me what I could not fulfill for myself.
  - a. I can love God because I have been reconciled by the death of Jesus.
  - b. I can love others because I have been saved by the life of Jesus.

### 3. How will I treat others?

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8** – *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.”*

**Galatians 5:22-23** – *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

- A. My love is active toward others.
- B. My life bears fruit toward others.

### What do we do with the Golden Rule?

- The Golden Rule should cause us to have a proper view of ourselves.
- The Golden Rule should cause us to celebrate Gospel generosity.
- The Golden Rule should cause us to yield to Jesus as our hope for Kingdom Living!