

Why The Golden Rule Builds On The Golden Promise?

Matthew 7:7–12

What Does The Bible Say?

7 “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks, receives.

Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7–8 NLT)

What does this passage say about God?

God gives us the Golden Promise – God will answer our prayers.

9 “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more

will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

(Matthew 7:9–11 NLT)

God Challenges Us to Obey the Golden Rule.

How Can You Obey?

Pray like Jesus.

Love like Jesus.

Who needs to hear this story?

What is your takeaway?

Additional Notes:

If you want to use your home to disciple others, check out our training at www.crosswaveschurch.com/host. Cross Waves has

produced short videos to train you to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

Explore:

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian" expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond.

If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ- followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

Question 1 of 4

If God hears you, why is it important to pray persistently?
Why does he want you to pray more than once for your needs?

Question 2 of 4

How brave are your prayers? Are they filled with needs that you can accomplish on your own or needs that require God to provide?

Question 3 of 4

What is the difference between casual prayer and expectant prayer?

Question 4 of 4

How does the Golden Rule flow out of how Jesus treated you?