

# **BUILDING BLOCK #3: THE GOLDEN RULE**

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## **BUILT TO LAST REVIEW**

- **Building Block #1: Do Not Judge**
- **Building Block #2: Ask, Seek, Knock**
- **Building Block #3: The Golden Rule**
- **The Golden Rule is about our relationships with others.**

## **QUESTION 1: WHAT IS THE GOLDEN RULE?**

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**The Golden Rule summarizes the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.**

## **QUESTION 2: WHEN DO I PRACTICE THE GOLDEN RULE?**

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

- **The Golden Rule applies to everything.**

**Proverbs 26:4-5** Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

- **The Golden Rule has more to do with your Kingdom life than it does with another person.**

### **QUESTION 3: WHO DOES THE GOLDEN RULE APPLY TO?**

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

- **Life is a series of relational intersections.**
- **Sometimes doing is not doing.**

**James 4:17** If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

**Proverbs 18:12** Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

- **The Golden Rule is not a tool for manipulation.**
- **The Golden Rule does not call us to compromise the truth.**
- **You are going to reap what you sow.**

### **QUESTION 4: HOW DO I LIVE OUT THE GOLDEN RULE?**

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**James 2:8** Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Proverbs 18:13 (NLT)** Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

**Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**1 Thessalonians 5:15** Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

**Galatians 5:26** Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

**Galatians 5:14-15** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

**1 John 4:11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**1 Peter 2:12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## **QUESTION 5: WHY IS THE GOLDEN RULE SO IMPORTANT?**

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

- **The Golden Rule is God's heart for His family.**

**Micah 6:8** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**Matthew 7:11** If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Matthew 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.