

# Having A Good Journey in Relating to Others



**Matthew 7:12**

- “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and Prophets.” NKJV
  - “Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get.” MSG
  - “No man is an island!”
  - This is called the Golden Rule because there is value in having this kind of respect and caring attitude for one another.
  - The key to relating to others is putting yourself in someone else’s place instead of putting them in their place.
  - No subject is more important than the subject of human relationships.
  - This great truth is a principle that ought to govern our attitudes toward others.
  - Practicing the Golden Rule releases the love of God in our lives and enables us to help others.
  - But remember that practicing the Golden Rule means paying a price.
  - “The basis of life is people and how they relate to each other. Our success, fulfillment, and happiness depend upon our ability to relate effectively. The best way to become a person that others are drawn to is to develop qualities that are attracted to in others.” Dr. John Maxwell.
  - The golden rule is probably the most well-known thing Jesus ever said.
  - The golden rule reveals the heart of God.
  - There are several significant facts that set the golden rule apart from all other teachings and make it the summit of human behavior.
1. The golden rule is a one sentence statement that embraces all human behavior.
  2. The golden rule demands true law and justice.
  3. The golden rule is concerned with true love and with positive, active behavior.
  4. The golden rule teaches the whole law.

- The believer is to likewise love and care for others while on earth.

5. A one-sentence golden rule does three things.

- A. Demands true justice.
- B. Includes real love.
- C. Teaches the whole law.

6. Three things are required of men.

- A. To know what Christ taught.
- B. To believe what Christ taught.
- C. To do what Christ taught.

7. In practice, the golden rule says several things.

- A. We should not treat men the way they treat us: good for good, evil for evil.
- B. We should not treat men the way they think they should be treated.
- C. We should not treat men the way we think they should be treated.
- D. But we should treat men the way we want them to treat us.

8. Note several significant truths.

- A. Our profession is empty unless we are living out the golden rule.
- B. How do we want men to treat us?
- C. The golden rule makes all men equal.
- D. The golden rule would bring about a world of peace overnight if men would just commit themselves to it.
- E. The course of wisdom is to live by the golden rule.
- F. One way to practice the golden rule is to ask the simple question: "How would I want to be treated."
- G. The golden rule says very much the same thing as the second great law: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39).