

# The Golden Rule

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**Philippians 3:13 (AMP)** “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; **but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind** and reaching forward to what lies ahead,”

“Deeply loved people will eventually deeply love people!” –Unknown

## **Matthew 7:12 (AMPC)**

**12** So then, **whatever you desire that others would do to and for you, even so do also to and for them**, for this is (sums up) the Law and the Prophets.

## **Matthew 7:12 (MSG)**

“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.”

## **Luke 6:27-35 (NLT)** Love for Enemies

“But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don’t try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you. “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.

## **Five Ways You Want People to Treat You:**

1. You want others to have **MERCY** on you.

**Luke 6:38 (NKJV)** “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

**Luke 6:36-37 (NKJV)** “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

**Matthew 5:7 (NLT)** “God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

2. You want others to have **COMPASSION** on you.

**Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

**Compassion:** with suffering, to yearn for or towards; to be moved from the inward heart

3. You want others to **UNDERSTAND** you.

“Love seeks to understand rather than be understood.” –Unknown

**Matthew 12:25 (NKJV)** But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.”

4. You want others to **FORGIVE** you.

**Hebrews 12:15 (NKJV)** ...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...

**Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)** “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

5. You want others to **HELP** you.

**Proverbs 3:27-28 (NLT)** Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it’s in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don’t say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I’ll help you.”

**Acts 2:44-47 (NCV)** All the believers were together and shared everything. They would sell their land and the things they owned and then divide the money and give it to anyone who needed it. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They ate together in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God and WERE LIKED BY ALL THE PEOPLE. Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers.

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Q. How can you improve on and implement these in your life in 2018?

### Fast and Prayer:

- We are beginning this new year praying, fasting, and drawing closer to God.
- Over the course of 21 days, each of us will fast what we feel God is leading us to (Daniel Fast, Fast social media, TV, etc)
- Our praying will be united and specific as we focus on three areas in particular: our families, our church, and the world around us.
- Why? 1) We long for a powerful and more intimate relationship with God, 2) we desire to walk in His perfect will, and 3) we want to see His kingdom advance!
- To join us, ask God what He would have you fast. Then write it on this card and keep it with you as a reminder of the commitment you’ve made.
- Prayer points will be on social media and posted on our INFO site

## Vision Sheet

- We are writing our goals down for 2018 (see vision sheet)
- They could be spiritual, physical, financial, and personal
- The church's vision for the future is also included, and we are asking you to pray and seek God on how you can get involved in helping to fulfill these goals:
  - **Everyone living the vision: Go. Grow. Give.**
  - **Everyone participating in a Connect Group.**
  - **The creation of a Disaster Relief Team.**
  - **The church becoming a house of prayer because we are becoming people of prayer.**
  - **The church becoming a place of reconciliation for all people of all ages, races, and nations.**
  - **The church building paid in full.**
  - **Expansion through more campuses.**
- This is downloadable on our [INFO.MYFAITHFAMILY.COM](http://INFO.MYFAITHFAMILY.COM) site