LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Eighteen • Matthew 7:12

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The Golden Rule is a simple SUMMARY of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount for Kingdom Citizens to follow in relation to others.

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

"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 5:17

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1. Treat OTHERS the Way You Would Want to Be Treated.

Two Observations

- The Golden Rule is a command regarding what you DO and not what you don't do.

- The Golden Rule is a command to thoughtfully consider your TREATMENT of all people in every situation.

2. Treat Others According to GOD'S Standard of Righteousness.

God's Standard of Righteousness

The Golden Rule is based on God's Law of NEIGHBOR LOVE.

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:18

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

3. The Golden Rule Is IMPOSSIBLE to Follow Apart from Jesus!

A Final Reminder That We Need Jesus!

Apart from Jesus Christ, the Golden Rule can only CONDEMN us.

But in Christ, not only has the Golden Rule been obeyed perfectly, it can now be obeyed by those who follow Jesus.

The Golden Rule and The Gospel

The Golden Rule is not the GOSPEL, but living out the Golden Rule is a demonstration that we have been transformed by the Gospel.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:13-16