



Sermon Outline  
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## The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12

The \_\_\_\_\_ challenge: *We can't determine how others are going to treat us, but we can determine how we're going to treat others.*

**Romans 12:18** – If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Rule: *Do to others as they do to you.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ Rule: *Don't do to others what you would not have them do to you.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ 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 is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus is telling us to go out and \_\_\_\_\_ to do good to people.*

**Matthew 7:12** - "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." **The Message**

\_\_\_\_\_ faith doesn't meet God's standard.

*There's a big difference between not doing something to cause suffering and doing something to alleviate suffering.*

**How can a relationship rule that's so simple be so \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Romans 7:15 & 21** - I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

**Everyone deals with a relationship buster identified as "\_\_\_\_\_."**

**Galatians 5:17a & 19-21a** - For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...The acts of the flesh are obvious...hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy...

**Living by the Golden Rule requires a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

**Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**We've committed the Golden Rule to memory; now let's commit it to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Philippians 2:3-4** - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**Putting the Golden Rule into practice:**

*Decide how you want to be treated and begin treating others that way.*

**Basic Human needs:** *Love, respect, kindness, forgiveness, understanding, encouragement, support, protection, honor, value, honesty, \_\_\_\_\_*

\*Pick one thing this week and let that be the focus of how you treat others. Pick a different one the next week and so on.