

## The Gold Standard Matthew 7:7-12

### The Golden Rule

**Matthew 7:12** *So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*  
Sermon filled with teaching regarding the need for righteousness living from those who desire to be in the Kingdom of God.

Applicable to those in 'Kingdom of Israel' and those in 'Kingdom of Christ'.

Two main categories - responsibility toward God and responsibility toward fellow man.

A Jesus closes sermon he sums up instruction for our actions toward fellow man

Consider a few connections

### Similar Teachings

Do unto others before they do unto you. - Modern (and Past-Modern) Man

**Jewish**-What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow men. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary. – The Talmud (Jewish religious law)

**Hindu**-This is the sum of duty: do naught to others which if done to thee would cause thee pain. - The Mahabharata (a work from India)

**Buddhist**-Hurt not others with that which pains yourself. – (Udanavarga early Buddhist collection)

**Baha'i**-He should not wish for others that which he doth not wish for himself, nor promise that which he doth not fulfil. – Book of Certitude (writer in Baghdad 1861/62)

Do not that to thy neighbor that thou wouldst not suffer from him. - **Pittacus** (Greek 650-570 BC)

What you do not want others to do to you, do not do to others. - **Confucius** (Chinese 551-479 BC)

Do not do unto others what angers you if done to you by others. - **Isocrates** (Greek 436-338 BC)

**Muslim**-No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. - The Hadith (collection of sayings of Muhammad)

Noticeable difference in all but one.

Focus on **not** doing what we don't want done to us.

Only Muslim teaching matches what Jesus said.

(Much of Islam based on teaching of Jesus)

### Extra Mile

Not just avoid bad, need to seek good! - **Matthew 5:20-48**

Could even include first of **Matthew 6** - don't gloat & brag in our religious activities to show superiority over others. - **Luke 10:25-37; Jude 20-23**

### Righteousness From God

Foundation of God's Law to Israel - **Matthew 22:34-40**

Brings one near to the kingdom of God - **Mark 12:28-34**

Guides our relationship as brethren - **Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-2**

Guides us in helping the lost - **James 2:8-13; 2Timothy 2:22-26; Ephesians 4:15-16**

Should be the leading attitude in ALL our interaction with others - **Romans 12:9-21**

### Our Guiding Principle

What guides your interaction with others?

This "Rule" would cure most all the ills of society

What guides your interaction with God?

It's predecessor would solve our relationship to God

Submit, Obey, Show your love for God & man today!

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