

Giving others what you want

Matthew 7:12

- I. The Law summarized: We don't need rules to govern our relationships if we follow Christ (Matthew 7:12b).
 - Jesus taught a way of relating that fulfilled and surpassed the Law (Matthew 5:17, 20, etc.).

- II. Doing means blessing: Relationships thrive when we seek to bless others as we would like to be blessed (Matthew 7:12a).
 - A. The "golden rule" is NOT about how to stop certain sins or attitudes in relationships.
 - Negative principle: Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you.
 - Goal – Avoid sin

 - B. The "golden rule" is about taking initiative to bless others and treat everyone well.
 - Positive principle: Do to others what you would have them do to you.
 - Goal – Bless others (*The 5 love languages* – Gary Chapman – What blesses the other person?)