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*The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)*

# THE ROCK

THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

**- PSALM 18:2**

## The Golden Rule

**"Whatever you want  
men to do to you, do  
also to them"**

**(Matthew 7:12)**





## Reflection on (Matthew 7:12):

***"Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them"***

By B.K.

Otherwise known as “The Golden Rule”, Jesus is simply explaining that we must do to others the things we would want them to do to us.

Suppose you aren’t a fan of people getting into your business. In this case, you also shouldn’t be getting into other people’s business.

If you like to be treated well, treat others well. If you like being helped by others, help others then. If you don’t like people stealing your things, don’t steal other people’s things.

St. John Chrysostom comments, **“He did not say, whatsoever things you would to be done unto you of God, those do unto your neighbor; lest you should say, But how is it possible? He is God and I am man: but, whatsoever you would to be done unto you of your fellow servant, these things do thou also yourself show forth towards your neighbor. What is less burdensome than this? [What’s] fairer?”**

Jesus then tells us, “for this is the Law and the Prophets”. The Law and the Prophets are summed up by this one rule, namely, that we should treat others the same way we ourselves would like to be treated.


In Matthew 22, verses 35 through 40, Jesus is asked **“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”**, with this Jesus replies to him, **“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”** And Furthermore He states, **“the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”**




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