

Matthew 7:12

Sun School

Title: "Golden Rule"

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Series: Transforming Truths

1. Introduction

a. "Do to others as <sup>you</sup> would want to happen to you." -

- this is the Law & the Prophets

b. Mt 22:36-40 All the law & prophets based on the greatest commands of all - loving God & loving your neighbor

2. God wants you to think

a. Stop before you think something through - look for Bible principles

b. Stop before you speak

c. Stop before you do something

d. Basic core: how do I want others to treat me?

- empathy: putting yourself in someone else's situation

- compassion: moved with empathy (sympathy) to act

e. Give out kindness

- in your voice

- in your body language

- in your actions

f. God's principle in life

- be engaged in person's life

- participate in lives of other people

- Mt 5:16 let your light shine...

\* others can see your good works

\* they will glorify heavenly Father

3. Then do to others

a. Rule of thumb: the way (manner) that you want to be treated

b. "Love your neighbor as yourself"

- Mt 19:19

4. Because God wants this

a. This is God's desire

b. "God is love" 1 Jn 4:16

- God's love is bounded (surrounded) by justice

c. Show others that God is Love because you love others

- showing love with kindness

4d. Body language agrees with your words

- say "I love you" with sour face?
- other person thinks, "I don't want to listen to them."
- other person thinks, "I want to get away from them."
- give kind words with a smile

## 5. Conclusion

a. Jn 15:1 Jesus is the true vine

- God the Father is the caretaker (husbandman) of the vine
- Stay connected with God

b. Jn 15:2 God (prunes) prunes the branches

- pruning in life is painful
- but God's pruning creates more fruit in your life

c. Jn 15:5 Staying in God's love

- "Abide (stay) in Me" - Jesus speaking
- Mt 5:44 Love your enemies - bless them, do good to them, pray for them
- Jn 13:35 all will know that Christians are Jesus' disciples loving each other
- Jn 15:9 continue in God's love
- Rom 13:9-10 Law understood with one saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself"

\* love does no evil to their neighbor

d. Jn 15:7-8

- Stay inside love of Jesus - abide
- Jesus' words stay inside you
- Ask (pray) what you will
- Live as Jesus' disciples
- Have much fruit in your life