

THE GOLDEN RULE

Matthew 7:12

INTRODUCTION

A. Judging – MT 7:1-5.

DISCUSSION

I. JUDGING IS COMMANDED.

- A. Some hearers are dogs & swine. MT 7:6.
- B. Judge Prophets as true or false. MT 7:15-16.
- C. Civil government is to judge. RO 13:1-7.
- D. Reproving & rebuking requires judging. 2 TI 4:2.
- E. Appointing elders requires judging. 1 TI 3:1-7.
- F. Judge between right & wrong. PS 119:128.
- G. Christ Prohibits:
 - 1. Hypocritical judging. MT 7:1-5.
 - 2. Unfair, unmerciful, harsh judgment.
 - 3. Imputing unworthy & sinister motives to others. 1 TI 6:4.
- H. Get all the facts before judging.
 - 1. JN 7:24.
 - 2. PR 18:17.

II. THE GOLDEN RULE. MT 7:12.

- A. Dogs and Swine. MT 7:6; 10:14; Acts 13:45-46.
- B. Ask, Seek, Knock. MT 7:7-11.
- C. The Golden Rule Does NOT Say:
 - 1. Do NOT do unto others what you do NOT want them to do to you.
 - 2. Do unto others AS they do unto you.
 - 3. Do unto others BEFORE they do it to you.
 - 4. Do unto others WHEN they do unto you.
 - 5. Do unto SOME others as you would have them do unto you.
- D. The Golden Rule is: Active and Personal.
 - 1. Not a Theory or a Philosophy.
 - 2. Its something to apply...to do...to act out in our lives.
- E. The Golden Rule is Taught In Other Passages.
 - 1. MT 5:21-22.
 - 2. MT 5:27-28.
 - 3. MT 5:32.
 - 4. MT 5:38-39.
 - 5. MT 5:43-44.
 - 6. MT 23:36-40.
 - 7. RO 13:8-9.
 - 8. RO 12:17-21.
 - 9. MT 7:12.

CONCLUSION

- A. Where is the Golden Rule needed?
 - 1. In our homes.
 - 2. At our workplace.
 - 3. At school.
 - 4. In the neighborhood.
 - 5. In the local church.
 - 6. To the lost.
- B. “Do unto others as though you were the “others”