

THE GOLDEN RULE
Guest Speaker: Bob Lehman
Sunday, February 7, 2021

The Passage

Luke 6:31-36, NIV

- The "Golden Rule" is you treat others as you want them to treat you.
- The "Reciprocal Rule" is you treat others the way they have treated you.
- The "Pay Back Rule" is you treat others the way that OTHERS have treated me.
- The "I Imagine Rule" is you do to others before they do it to you.

It's figuring out what others want.

His Needs, Her Needs: Building An Affair Proof Marriage

Husbands

1. The need for sexual fulfillment in marriage.
2. The need for recreational companionship.
3. The need for an attractive spouse.
4. Domestic support.
5. The need for admiration and respect.

Wives

1. The need for affection.
2. Conversation.
3. The need for honesty and openness.
4. The need for financial support.
5. The need for family commitment.

Islam - "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself."

Judaism - "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman."

Buddhism - "Hurt not others in ways that you yourselves find hurtful."

Confucianism - "Do not unto others as you would not have them do unto you."

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"Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you did good to those who did good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemies and do good to them."

1. *Love more than your friends.*

2. *Do good to everybody.*

3. *Lend not expecting pay back.*

Romans 5:8 *While we were still His enemies, Christ died for us.*

1. Your reward from God will be great.

2. Your relationship with God will be recognized.

The Platinum Rule *"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."*

My relationship with others is not only molded by what I want but it's also modeled after what God does.

TALK IT OVER

1. Review the different rules that Pastor Bob taught about. Share a funny story of how you have seen one of these rules play out in your life.
2. On a more serious note, let's read the passage Luke 6:31-36, NIV. What does God's word command us to do?
3. How is that working out in your life?
4. Which of the rules that Bob mentioned do you operate by most of the time and why?
5. What do other religions say about this topic?
6. How is Christianity so unique?
7. What are you going to do as a result of this message?
8. Discuss and pray about the transition of Pastor Ellis and help the church in the transition if you are not already active in a ministry. Text "NVServe" to 94090.