

Northern Hills Community Church

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The Relationship Principles of Jesus

**Principle #7 Treat Others as You Want Them to Treat You
(The Golden Rule)**

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31 and as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 "if you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 and if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 and if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 but love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the most high, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Luke 6:31-35

Jesus has Three Immediate Applications to this Golden Rule:

1. Love not only your **FRIENDS** but also your **ENEMIES**.
2. You do good, not only to those who do good to you, but to **EVERBODY**.
3. Lend without expecting to get **GET BACK**

The **DISTINGUISHING** mark of the true disciple is the love of enemies.

"I say to you who hear, love your enemies." Verse 27

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. I say love your enemies." Matthew 5:43

"...in order that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven; "He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Matthew 5:45

"Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

"...because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

"And it's by your love that all men will know you're my disciples," John 13:34

"What reward do you have, even tax collectors do that?" Matthew 5:46

Benefits to Living out this Commandment:

1. Your **REWARD** from God will be great.
2. Your **RELATIONSHIP** with God will be recognized.

"And you will be sons of the most high." Verse 35

"For he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." Verse 35

"and walk in love even as your father loves, and as Jesus loved and gave his life." Ephesians 5:2

The **PLATINUM RULE** *"Be merciful just as your father is merciful." Verse 36*

"Try to show as much compassion as your father does." (LB)