

# WHERE IS GOD IN THE GOLDEN RULE?

Matthew 7:12

The Golden Rule is a standard by which we measure if our life has been changed by God and the Gospel.

## 1. The Golden Rule is a reflection of God's love for us

God's love is the basis for the golden rule

Romans 12

1 John 4:12 *"If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."*

### **Misinterpretations:**

- A. Don't do to others what you don't want done to you.  
(Inaction)
- B. Do to others as they have done to you.  
(Retaliation)
- C. Do to others so that they will do the same to you.  
(Manipulation)
- D. Do what you wish before you do for others. (Egocentrism)

## 2. The Golden Rule is a summary of God's law for us

Leviticus 19

James 2:8 *"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well."*

Galatians 5:14 *“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

Romans 13:8–10 *“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

1 John 4:20-21 *“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”*



- Feed on God’s Word
- Weed out competing affections
- Grow by His grace