

- I. A Better Blessing: Description of Kingdom Citizens (5:1-16).**
 - A. Blessings of Kingdom Citizen (Beatitudes 5:1-12)
 - B. Illustrations of Kingdom Citizens (Salt and Light 5:13-16).

- II. A Better Law: The Nature of Internal Laws for Kingdom Citizens (5:17-6:18).**
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 - B. The Citizen's Relationship to the Law (5:19-20).
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 - 1. Don't worry by knowing your Father's care (vv. 25-27).
 - a) Command Not To Worry (v. 25).
 - b) Two Practical Applications (vv. 25-30):
 - (1) Don't Worry about Food (vv. 25-27).
 - (2) Don't Worry About Clothes (vv. 28-30).
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- IV. A Better Community: Living with One Another as Kingdom Citizens (7:1-13).**
 - A. Do Not Judge Others
 - 1. A Summary Command - Don't Judge (v. 1)
 - a) Condemn - Guilty in the Courtroom
 - b) Discern - A Decision with Wisdom
 - 2. The Reason for the Command (vv. 1b-2).

- a) Beware the Boomerang Principle (1.b-2)
 - b) Beware Blurry-Eyed Hypocrite Principle (vv. 3-5).
 - 3. A Practical Solution - Judge Self First (v. 5).
 - 4. A Contrasting Caution - Judge (v. 6).
- B. Pray for others (vv. 7-11)
- C. Treat others as you want to be treated (v. 12).
- V. A Better Conclusion: Entrance into the Kingdom (7:14-23)

¹²“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Golden Rule The Key to the Golden Society Matthew 7:12

I. An Explanation of the Golden Rule (v. 12).

A. The Golden Action

All things which you want others to do for you.
That is what you should do for them.

B. The Extent of the Golden Action

II. The Great Motivation for the Golden Command

A. He gives us the Model

B. He gives us the Ability.

III. The Great Reason to Obey the Golden Command.

A. It summarizes a Complex System.

B. It provides an Ethical Compass.

