

INFLUENCE: The Golden Rule
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Matthew 7:12 MSG

“Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO DO FOR YOU, THEN GRAB THE INITIATIVE AND DO IT FOR THEM. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get.”

5 Ways You Want People to Treat You:

1. You want others to HAVE MERCY on you.

Luke 6:38 NKJ

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:36-37 NKJ

“Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Matthew 5:7 NLT

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

2. You want others to have COMPASSION for you.

Matthew 9:36 NKJ

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Compassion: with suffering

3. You want others to UNDERSTAND you.

“Love seeks to understand rather than be understood.”

Matthew 12:25 NKJ

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.”

4. You want others to FORGIVE you.

Hebrews 12:15 NKJ

...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

5. You want others to HELP you.

Proverbs 3:27-28 NLT

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.”

Acts 2:44-47 NCV

All the believers were together and shared everything. They would sell their land and the things they owned and then divide the money and give it to anyone who needed it. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They ate together in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God and WERE LIKED BY ALL THE PEOPLE. Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers.