

Golden Rule

Introduction:

“Do to others what you would have them do to you.” Jesus’ words aren’t new. Two thousand years before His Sermon on the Mount, Egyptians carved similar words into stone. One thousand years before his crowd gathered, Greek philosophers taught similar words to their students. Yet, Jesus took it one step further. Jesus taught that *God* practices the Golden Rule. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” God is a good Father who gives generously to us. Will we give generously to others?

Read Your Bible:

- 2 Chronicles 1
- Matthew 7:7-12

Apply God’s Word to Your Life:

1. If God told you, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you,” what would you ask for?
2. What did Solomon ask for in 2 Chronicles 1:10?
3. How did God respond to Solomon’s request?
4. Have you ever seen God answer your prayer? If so, what happened?
5. If God is a good Father, why doesn’t He always answer our prayers in the way we want?
6. How does asking God for good gifts (Matthew 7:7-11) relate to the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)?
7. What are some ways you can practice the Golden Rule in your own life?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray:

Gracious God, we want your good gifts, yet far too often we fail to be good givers. Give us the strength to treat others the way we want to be treated. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.