

Character of the Golden Rule

by Andy Baker

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. -Matthew 7:12

The Golden Rule is:

Open-ended – Whatever... Consider how many positive actions could be taken for your spouse, your coworkers, your neighbors, or your children. Right now, around us, people are hurting who could use a word of encouragement or an act of kindness. Some people are continuing in sin who need a truthful rebuke in love. Look deeply for the opportunities.

Thoughtful – ...you want men to do...People dream of being honored, exalted, or simply appreciated in some way. A spouse looks for kind words from their mate to say, “I appreciate you.” A child wishes to hear the words, “I love you” or “Good job.” You see, it requires thoughtful thinking about the way we would like to be treated. All this happens before we behave rudely, or get impatient, or let harsh words fly. I used to have a poster on my wall in my classroom that said, “Think twice, act once.” Be thoughtful.

Loving – ...to you...Paul said, “no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes it and cherishes it...” (Eph. 5:29). In context, he is talking about the way a husband treats his wife being like Christ treats the church. What a difference it would make in our marriages, our churches, our jobs, our relationships if “I treated you, as well as I treat me.” If we say it like scripture, “love your neighbor as yourself.”

Active – ...do...Ever notice how much we struggle in being proactive in doing good things for others? If someone does something good for us, it makes it easier to want to “pay it forward.” Love is proactive. However, it should also be that when evil has been done to us, practicing the Golden Rule means we overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21). Get active, practicing kindness.

Unselfish – ...also to them... What a joy to be able to serve a God who sent His Son to selflessly die upon the cross for us. In a world that looks only after itself and seeks its own, the Golden Rule needs to shine in our lives through unselfish words, actions, and thoughts. How much more should we show that same selfless love to others!

Total – ...for this is the Law and the prophets. As Jesus gave this in the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, He does not mince words with the totality that the Golden Rule applies to our lives. In essence, do you want a summary verse that teaches how we should treat our neighbors? Practice the Golden Rule and you’ll seldom go wrong.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

10/5/25

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Don Delukie

Opening prayer- Gary Harris

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Closing Prayer- Jerry McDonald

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Closing Prayer- Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

— **Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.**

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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SOME TRUST IN CHARIOTS & SOME IN HORSES,

BUT WE TRUST IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD OUR GOD.

THEY ARE BROUGHT TO THEIR KNEES AND FALL,

BUT WE RISE UP
AND STAND FIRM.

PSALM 20:7-8

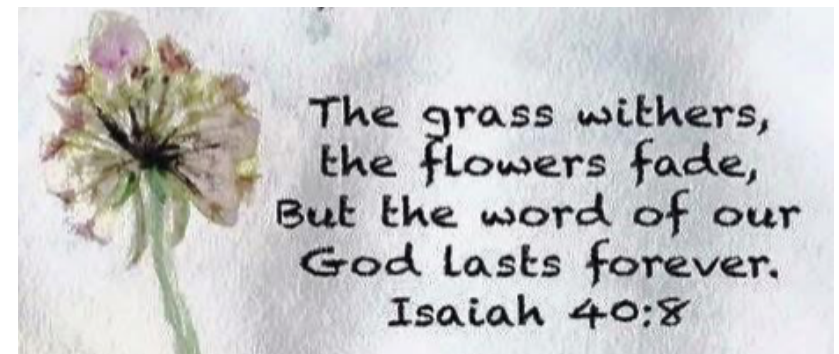
Please Pray For:

Meesha Thomas, Rhonda Rogers, Louvenia Dickson, Katherine Riley, Kathy Gilbert, Phillip Simmons, Verlinda Gooden, Oddie Cameron, Gavin McDaniel, Eli Simmons, Sheila Long, Carol Fletcher, Blayne Atkins, Vee Boren, Ralph Malone, Lynn Urban, Diane Alexander.

Bereaved: Family of Ada Turner.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Pam Few, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



October Birthdays

2 - Rick VanLoon	18 - Randal Freeman
7 - Joyce McDonald	24 - Jean Delukie
12 - Barbara Wheeler	26 - Kari Johnstone
14 - Kathy Manning	27 - Charles Fricke
15 - Chuck Boyer	31 - Bobby Barker

October Anniversaries

None