

# Golden Rule

**TEXT:** Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31; Numbers 12:1-13

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES:** Romans 13:10; Galatians 5:14

**KEY VERSE:** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. — Matthew 7:12

The commandment to love one another is the great principle that guides us in the life of discipleship. Our lesson today centers around the key verse which is often referred to as the Golden Rule. Practice of this principle will help us in business dealings, in our home life, and in all communication with others, for it underlies every personal relationship. In serving others, we serve ourselves, because people like to deal with those who believe in and practice the Golden Rule.

1. Write the definition of the word *rule*. How does it apply to our lesson?

2. A certain lawyer asked Jesus the question, "Which is the great commandment?" His answer is found in Matthew 22:37-40. What is the similarity between our lesson text and Jesus' answer?

3. Look up the following verses and compare each with the Golden Rule. Give an everyday situation which would be an example of each of these verses:

Proverbs 15:1

Romans 12:8

Romans 12:14

Romans 12:21

4. How did Aaron and Miriam violate the Golden Rule?

5. Explain how Moses' response to Aaron and Miriam was correct according to the Golden Rule. See Galatians 6:1.

6. Jesus is our example of One who lived by the Golden Rule. We are told that we should follow in His steps. How did He respond to being reviled and suffering at the hands of others? See 1 Peter 2:21-23.

7. How will the proper response to any type of action by our fellowmen mean the difference between victory and defeat?

8. Many feel that if they keep the Golden Rule, this qualifies them for Heaven. Give scriptural evidence to substantiate or refute this premise.

**Thought Provoker:** "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7