

# A Golden Rule, Or A Silver One?

*“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21, English Standard Version*

“First, do no \_\_\_\_\_.” But we want \_\_\_\_\_ to also do \_\_\_\_\_.

## Looking More Closely At The Golden Rule

A. Two statements of the Golden Rule:

1. Matthew 7:12 – We are to do to \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_ they would \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
2. Luke 6:31 – “As you \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ would do to you, do \_\_\_\_\_ to them.”
3. The “\_\_\_\_\_ Rule” says something similar in a \_\_\_\_\_ way: “\_\_\_\_\_ do to others what you \_\_\_\_\_ want them to do.”

B. Luke 6 – The Golden Rule in context:

1. 6:27-31 – After saying “\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_”, Jesus shows how that works: do \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ you, \_\_\_\_\_ for those who abuse you, etc.
2. John 13:34,35 – The “\_\_\_\_\_” part of the command to \_\_\_\_\_ one another is to do it as \_\_\_\_\_ had shown.

C. Is practicing the Silver Rule enough for Christ’s followers?

## Inspired Examples Of The Golden Rule

A. Some in the Bible who practiced the Golden Rule:

1. Luke 10:31,32 – The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ followed the \_\_\_\_\_ Rule, while the \_\_\_\_\_ chose the Golden.
2. Acts 4:34,35 – Why did these Christians \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? That’s the Golden Rule in action.
3. Acts 28:2,3 – Why did \_\_\_\_\_ - an \_\_\_\_\_! – gather \_\_\_\_\_ for the fire??
4. 2 Timothy 1:6,7 – Onesiphorus \_\_\_\_\_ earnestly to find Paul in \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ Paul in doing so.
5. Luke 23:34 - \_\_\_\_\_’s prayer from the \_\_\_\_\_ was Golden!

B. Romans 12:9,14,20-21 – It is the Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ to live this way. We will \_\_\_\_\_ evil with \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 23:47 – Jesus’ example led the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God and to declare Jesus an \_\_\_\_\_ man.

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