

## **THE GOLD STANDARD**

Based on the command of Christ #18 – “Do for others”.

Matthew 7:12 - “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12 NASB – “...treat people the same way you want them to treat you...”

### **I. How would you like to be treated by others?**

Jesus says in Matthew 22:39 - “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

2 Timothy 3:1-5

“Don’t be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They’ll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they’re animals. Stay clear of these people.”

### **II. How do you treat others?**

Philippians 2:20-21 NLT - “I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 2:4 - “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

### **III. The summary of the Law and Prophets**

Romans 13:8-10 - “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

James 2:8 calls this the royal law.

Matthew 22:37-40 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1 John 4:20-21 - "If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."