

Sermon Questions—November 18, 2018
Matthew 7:1-12—The Golden Rulers
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Context:

Shawn shared with us some great truths related to Jesus' exhortation to "whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them."

Being active vs. passive in this principle is one big difference in how Jesus approached and summed up all the Old Testament. Shawn mentioned this truth could be transformative in our lives and in our world. The 3 therefore references are centered on not judging others, removing the log in our eyes to move and help others and prayer for others.

Being in authentic community is in the middle of all these themes and text. As you work through these questions—you may want to assess if you have Christian brothers and sisters in your life to help you in your blind spots.

Questions:

1. V.1-6. What is the difference between judging vs. observations of behavior you make of others?
 - a. Where is the line in our walk with God where we are being judgmental in our opinions and observations of others and their actions? Where is that line?
 - b. Is it OK to say something is not right to a friend/spouse if you feel like they need admonishment?
 - c. Do you see yourself taking this humble perspective in your daily attitude? In your marriage? In your friendships? In your work? Why or why not?
2. V.7. What is what we are asking for, seeking and will find?
3. V. 9. Is this question Jesus asks and answers indirectly --your sense of God's attitude towards you?
4. V. 11. What is the significance of the label "evil" as applied to us? How is this encouraging to us? Is it your frame of reference when approaching God?
 - a. How has God given you good things? Do you believe this about God?

May God encourage you in how you view him and our brothers and sisters in the Lord as well as those who you interact daily.

May the Holy Spirit transform us in His work in our lives in this area.