

Lesson 7: The Golden Rule Matthew 7:12

1. What is the difference between these two thoughts? “Do not do to others what you would not wish done to yourself” or “so in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you”.
2. The Golden Rule demands relentless action such is the difference between keeping the rules of religion and Jesus’ call to sacrificial service of others. Can I keep God’s law and still serve and help my neighbor?
3. James 1:27 what must I do to keep myself from being corrupted by the world? Would it help to lock ourselves away in a monastery?
4. Why would James think it was so important for us to look after widows or orphans? Isaiah 1: 15 – 17 Malachi 3:5
5. Can I be like Jesus if I am only keeping his commands and not loving and serving others?

6. Israel often did the right actions (sacrifices and offering) with the wrong motives and hearts. Are we in danger of doing the same things as we walk through the motions in church?

7. Read Micah 6:8 and Matthew 23:23. Your moral behavior is very important. How you adhere to Christ like lifestyle is an important but our concern for others and the condition of our hearts is a big priority with God.

Love God keep his commandments. Love the people and things that he loves, and never separate obedience from right motives and humble heart.