

3 Simple Rules for Treating People Right

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Titles – “3 Simple Rules for Treating People Right”
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1. Treat People as “You” Want to Be Treated – (an action of fairness)

Matt. 22:39 love your neighbor – as you love yourself
Deut. 19:16-19 do not bear false witness
 21 eye for eye – tooth for tooth – hand for hand – foot for foot

- Question – Did Jesus change Deuteronomy 19:21 in Matthew 5?

Matt. 5:38-42 “you have heardbut I tell you”
 the lesson here = do not be eager to go to court
Matt. 5:25-26 context & lesson = do not be eager to go to court

- “Eye for eye, tooth for tooth” = remains a principle of justice
- “Eye for eye, tooth for tooth” = should NOT be used as a weapon

Reminders about the “golden rule”

Matt. 7:12 whatever you want people to do to you – do also to them
Matt. 23:4 they bind heavy burdens (hard to bear) – to put on men’s shoulders – but
 they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers
 15 they travel to get converts to themselves – they seek to control converts
John 8:7-11 the Son of God – reminded scribes & Pharisees of their hypocrisy

2. Treat People as “They” Hope to Be Treated – (an action of kindness)

2 Kings 20:3 Hezekiah – prayed to the Lord
Phil. 2:3 esteem others better

3. Treat People in a Way That Makes “God” Happy

Luke 14:12-14 “you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just”

(A sobering truth – “You will often NOT be appreciated for doing the right thing”
(Question to ponder – “Who is going to love you forever?”)

Gal. 6:1-5 you who are spiritual – in a spirit of meekness
2 Tim. 2:19-21 vessel of honor