

**Mt.7.12 “KINGDOM CHARACTER- The Golden Rule”**

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**Reasons for obeying the command to love others as ourselves:**

**I. GOD’S PROMISE TO HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT vv.7–8**

Verses vv.7–8 are not a blank check for just anyone to present to God:

✚ **First** of all, the promise is V\_\_\_\_\_ only for believers.

The two greatest realities of Christian truth are that God is our **F**\_\_\_\_\_ & Christians are our **B**\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gal. 6:10; Ep.2.19; I Jn.1.2–3; 2.1, 13; 3.1; 4.14; I Jn.3.10; 5.2; I Jn.2.9–11; 3.10–12; 4.20;).

✚ **Second**, the one who claims this promise must be living in **O**\_\_\_\_\_ to his Father. (I Jn.3.22).

✚ **Third**, our **M**\_\_\_\_\_ in asking must be right. (Ja.4.3)

✚ **Fourth**, we must be **S**\_\_\_\_\_ to His will. (6.24; Ja.1.7–8; I Jn.5.14).

- ❖ To have **C**\_\_\_\_\_ in answered prayer on any other basis is to have
  - a false & presumptuous confidence that the Lord makes no promise to honor.

✚ **Fifth**, is **P**\_\_\_\_\_, suggested by the present imperative tenses of **ask, seek, & knock**.

- The idea is that of **C**\_\_\_\_\_ & constancy:
- We also see a progression of **I**\_\_\_\_\_ in the three verbs;
  - simple **A**\_\_\_\_\_
  - aggressive **S**\_\_\_\_\_
  - still more aggressive **K**\_\_\_\_\_.

The progression in intensity also suggests that our sincere requests to the Lord are not to be **P**\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. GOD’S P\_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT vv.9–11**

God’s **N**\_\_\_\_\_ should be reflected in our lives.

It is not natural for a father to ignore either the **P**\_\_\_\_\_ or the **S**\_\_\_\_\_ needs of his son.

There is no **L**\_\_\_\_\_ to what God will give to us when we ask in obedience & according to His will.

God will infinitely outdo them in **M**\_\_\_\_\_ & in **B**\_\_\_\_\_.

We should so treat others well because we are those who bear His **L**\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. GOD’S P\_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT v.12**

No capacity within an **U**\_\_\_\_\_ to love this way exists .

They cannot **S**\_\_\_\_\_ selflessness - they do not have the divine resource.

How we **treat** others is not to be determined by how we,

- **E**\_\_\_\_\_ them to treat us or
- by how we think they **S**\_\_\_\_\_ treat us, but
- by how we **W**\_\_\_\_\_ them **to treat** us.

Selfless love serves in the **W**\_\_\_\_\_ it likes being served—  
...whether it ever receives such service or not.