



Lewiston Church of Christ May 22, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
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Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Fight Fair!

"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you..." (Matthew 7:12).

Let's get something straight—if more people practiced the *Golden Rule* (see above), the world would not become perfect. There would still be floods, fires, earthquakes, pandemics, and cancer. Resources could still get tight. Quarterbacks would still get sacked and your favorite baseball player would still commit errors and strike out with men on base. People would still disappoint each other and hearts could still be broken.

However, under the *Golden Rule*, people would deal with these problems with more kindness and empathy. While not perfect, the world would be a lot better. Opponents would not jeer at a sacked QB or at batter who struck out. Accidents could still happen but drivers would be more considerate and road rage would diminish. Civility would increase. Fewer politicians would accuse opponents of racism unfairly. Gossip would begin to dry up. Couples might still fight but the *Golden Rule* would make them fight fair.

As for society, the *Golden Rule* could make kneejerk stereotyping less popular. Good! Stereotyping reduces human beings into imagined categories that can be judged, disparaged, or dismissed. It's easy to be unkind to a category, especially one to which you do not belong. You can judge it harshly and feel superior at the same time because unlike categories, YOU are an actual distinct human individual with wonderful motives and intentions.

Do you want to be treated as a category or as a unique human being? Treat others accordingly. It may be easier to categorize others to judge them but the *Golden Rule* is standing in the way. It calls us to take a tougher path—one that listens personally and respectfully before leaping to judgments. The *Golden Rule* does not ban us from fighting the good fight against evil in the world, but it will help us to fight fair. In today's society, fighting fair is far too rare.

Joel Solliday