

30 Practical Tips for Living the **GOLDEN RULE**



See the good in people. *Make people feel special.*

Be the first to give. *Give for the right reason — and that is, give for no reason at all.*

Play by the rules. *Don't cut in line. Wait your turn.*

Listen to others. *Communicate. Don't just take turns talking.*

Be unbiased. *Never judge someone you don't know.*

Keep an open mind. *Search for the truth by listening to opposing arguments and letting others challenge your views and opinions.*

Give people a chance. *As you climb the ladder of success, reach down and pull others along with you.*

Make every collaboration win-win. *Never win at the expense of a relationship.*

Be selfless. *Put others' needs ahead of your own.*

Tell it like it is. *Don't say anything behind someone's back that you wouldn't say to their face.*

Stop criticizing. *Constructive feedback is helpful; criticism is hurtful and damaging.*

Set the bar high. *Be tough, but fair. Don't demand things of others that you're unwilling to do yourself.*

Work hard. *Pull your weight rather than weigh down the team.*

Have a heart. *Stand up for those who are less fortunate.*

Be tolerant. *Don't force your views on others. You can't expect others to abandon their values any more than you would forsake your own.*

Give with an open hand. *Give with no strings attached.*

Be available. *Be a good friend in good times and bad.*

Be informed. *Listen to both sides of a debate before forming your opinion.*

Build trusting relationships. *Earn respect rather than demanding it.*

Be compassionate. *Help people get back on their feet. But don't make them dependent on your good graces.*

Be even-handed. *Consider whether fairness would still apply if the tables were turned.*

Forgive and forget. *Let it go. Seeking retaliation, rather than forgiveness, traps you in the anger.*

Share the credit. *Deflect recognition rather than hoarding it.*

Hold out hope. *Lend an ear or a shoulder to cry on.*

Accept "no" for an answer. *Respect people's priorities rather than making everything about you.*

Be willing to sacrifice. *Raise your own hand rather than volunteering others.*

Offer your unconditional love. *Accept people for who they are, not for who you want them to be.*

Earn your keep. *You don't get what you want; you get what you deserve.*

Give up control. *Put your faith in people rather than micromanaging them.*

Be grateful. *Show your appreciation and never take anything for granted.*

