

THE GOLDEN RULE OF CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

I. What it means to live for God's Glory.

Not to make glorious, but to declare to be glorious. Rev. 4:11

B. Recognize God in all that you do. IChron.29:11, 12

A. To understand and know God. Jer.9:24

C. Sin cannot by any means glorify God.

D. To love Him with all your heart and show that

He is more desirable than all things.

E. To serve Him faithfully

II. Why should we live by this standard?

A. The glory of God is the only proper end and rule of all things.

1. For this we were created

2. This is "the chief end of man."

3. The heavens declare the glory of God.

B. God made this the end of creation, providence, and redemption. Eph. 2:7

C. This was the standard by which Christ lived.

D. All of God's great saints and servant's have done so.

E. To make anything else our object is the essence of idolatry.

F. It brings the whole life into perfect harmony, inward and outward.

G. It promotes holiness, happiness, and usefulness.

H. The acceptance or rejection of this standard results in either our salvation or perdition.

III. In what ways does this apply?

A. Eating and drinking

1. God is the giver of all good food and drink

2. Should be received "with thanksgiving" I Tim.4:4

3. How degrading it is merely to live to eat in gluttony, and not rather simply eat to live to God's glory.

B. Use of speech. - truthful, pure, reverent, considerate

C. The use of time. -

1. To take our opportunity to get right with God

2. To use it to serve the Lord

3. Not just Sunday, but every day.

D. In your business or every-day employment

1. Shun any business contrary to God's glory
2. Be a witness for Christ in your daily work
3. Integrity, honesty, and high moral principles will be respected and honored in a Christian businessman.
4. Religion sanctifies the common actions of life.

E. In Recreation

1. Rec. is for the mind what sleep is for the body; We could not long endure the stress, burden, and pressure of life without both.
2. Rec. can be sanctified, regulated, and used for the glory of God.
 - a. Nothing contrary to the will and Word of God.
 - b. It does not always follow that because something is abstractly innocent in itself for you, that it is always allowable.
 - (1). You must consider others also.
 - (2). Will it cause others to stumble? Can you invite others to be followers of you in it? (see 11:1)
- c. All inordinate excess in rec. must be avoided.
 - (1). Only a diversion, not the main business of life.
 - (2). Must be kept in its proper place.