

## “Love Does Rule: The Key to the Love Does Lifestyle”

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*“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12*

### **You have heard Golden Rule in the negative form...**

*“What is hateful to you, do not do to anyone else.” Rabbi Hillel*

*“Do not do to others what you would not wish done to you.” Confucius*

*“Do no evil to your neighbor.” Ps. 15:3*

Why the negative is not the Love Does way

1. It requires **nothing extra** than normal living
2. It is more **legal** than **loving**
3. Can be satisfied by **doing nothing**
4. Allows you to **avoid people** you don't like and still be satisfied.

### **The Love Does way....**

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To say, “I will do my best to help everyone!” is very different than saying, “I won't do anything to harm anyone.”

Why Love Does is so powerful

1. Love Does takes **deliberate action**.
2. Love Does defies **all laws**.
3. Love Does takes **forethought** and **planning**.

4. Love Does puts you in relationship with **all people**.

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Matthew 7:13-14*

Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon

1. Is your Christian life more characterized by the negative version of the Golden Rule or the Love Does version?
2. How does the Golden Rule apply to each of the other topics Jesus taught about in the Sermon on the Mount?
3. Is the Golden Rule even possible to live out? What has to happen in your life to see the Love Does life become reality in your daily life?