

# The Disciple's Attitude

(Matthew 7:1-12)

- Introduction:
1. Everyone has some fundamental principles, rules, or ethics by which he chooses to govern his life
  2. When it comes to the Christian, his code of conduct can be summed up by the single word, "Love."
    - a. (Matthew 22:37-39).
  3. Upon this rule of love all our obligations and attitudes rest.

## I. The Disciples Attitude - With Respect To Judging

- A. (Matthew 7:1-6).
- B. The passage is not forbidding judgment of all sorts because judging is commanded (John 7:24).
- C. It is the hypocritical, self-serving, unrighteous judgment that Jesus condemns in this passage.

## II. The Disciples Attitude - With Respect To His Treatment of Others

- A. (Matthew 7:12).
- B. There are many "rules" by which men live.
  1. Iron Rule - Do unto others before they do unto you.
  2. Bronze Rule - Do unto others as they do unto you.
  3. Silver Rule - Do not do unto others what you would not want them to do to you.
  4. Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- C. If this we lived by this attitude, how would it change our lives with respect to:
  1. The Lost in the world?
  2. The Wayward?
  3. Those who make mistakes?
  4. The bereaved?
  5. The sick?
  6. Accusations made against another?

- Conclusion:
1. The attitude that is to be possessed by the disciple of Christ is indeed challenging and difficult.
  2. In fact, it is simply a pursuit of Christ-likeness who acted on behalf of our good even to his own harm.
  3. May God help us to focus more clearly upon the daily opportunities we have to put our attitude into action.