

# What About the Golden Rule?

*Nehemiah 5*

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- What did Jesus teach was the greatest command in the Bible? “\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God with all thy heart...” **Matthew 22:37**
- Do you know what He taught was the second greatest command? “\_\_\_\_\_ thy neighbor as thyself.” **Matthew 22:39**
- Did you know the apostle Paul reiterated the Golden Rule to believers today (the body of Christ)?
- “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.” **Galatians 5:14-15**
- Let’s explore Nehemiah 5 and gain some practical insight in how we can love our neighbor as ourselves.

**First, \_\_\_\_\_ the oppressed. vs. 6-10**

- “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” **Romans 12:9**
- When we are filled with the Spirit of Christ, we hate evil and injustice and we passionately \_\_\_\_\_ up for what is right.

**Second, lay \_\_\_\_\_ your rights in love.  
vs. 14-15**

- The questions is not, “Do I have a \_\_\_\_\_?”  
The questions is, “Am I loving my neighbor as myself?”
- *“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”* **Romans 13:10**

**Third, \_\_\_\_\_ to those in need. vs. 16-18**

- *“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”*  
**1 John 3:17**
- *“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”*  
**Ephesians 4:28**

**Fourth, make it \_\_\_\_\_ when you do  
somebody wrong. vs. 11-13**

- *“Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.”* **Proverbs 9:8**

**In your fleshly effort, you will never consistently love others as yourself, but as you yield yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ in you, the sacrificial, giving heart of Jesus will live through you!**