

## **The Gold Standard for Life**

Matthew 7:12

*So 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

### **Introduction**

**A Checkered Game of Life, created in 1860 by Milton Bradley**

#### **7 Simple Truths about Life**

- April 26: The Gold Standard for Life
- May 3: Six of Life's Most Important Words
- May 10: Surviving the Setbacks and Storms
- May 17: This is My Father's World
- May 24: Finding Contentment in a World Built for Greed
- May 31: Winning And Losing at the Game of Life
- June 7: Bonus Round! The Secret to Long Life

### **I. The Two Sides of the Golden Rule**

A. *The Confucian and Christian Versions of the Golden Rule*

*“Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.”*  
—Confucius

B. *What's the difference? Why are both important?*

C. *The General Rules of Methodists:*

1. Do no **E**\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do all the **G**\_\_\_\_\_ you can.
3. Practice the **S**\_\_\_\_\_ disciplines.

## II. The Golden Rule in Daily Life

### A. *The Golden Rule and the second Great Commandment*

### B. *Words that characterize the practice of the Golden Rule:*

*Where and with whom do you struggle in being considerate?* \_\_\_\_\_

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### C. *The Golden Rule in Marriage*

*How does the Rule break down in marriage?*

*Speaking each other's love languages:*

*Men's Needs*

*Women's Needs*

## III. The Golden Rule at 20,000 Feet

*How should the Rule guide politics and policy?*

## Conclusion: The Costliness of Following the Golden Rule

*Living the Golden Rule requires great moral C \_\_\_\_\_ and great S \_\_\_\_\_.*