**The Simple Secret to Stronger Relationships**

Matthew 7:1-6, 12

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**Matthew 7:2 (ESV)**

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

**Matthew 7:3 (ESV)**

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

**Matthew 7:4 (ESV)**

Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?

**Matthew 7:5 (ESV)**

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Matthew 7:6 (ESV)**

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

**Matthew 7:12 (ESV)**

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

***Living the “Golden Rule” means treating other people with…***

1. **Compassion**

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**John 3:17 (ESV)**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

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**1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1. **Consideration**

**Matthew 7:6 (ESV)**

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

**Proverbs 9:8 (ESV)**

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;

 reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.