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FOUR RULES OF LIFE

Matt. 7:7-12

INT:

Every person lives by some: Code, rules, laws, philosophy or postulates of life. Governs conduct.

Christians believe Greatest Law was given A. D. 32 in the sublime Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 7:12.

LESSON: The grandure of this Law as compared to all others. Called "The Golden Rule."

I. LAW OF THE JUNGLE -Iron Rule-Destroy Others Rule.

A. Cain's philosophy. Gen. 4:13. Begged mercy. Gave none.

B. Jezebel's law. I Kings 21:14. Take it if want it.

1. Jack Ruby followed this law when shot a defenseless human being.

(DO UNTO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU.)

II. LAW OF THE PAGAN. -Brass Rule- Ignore others Rule.

A. Priests & Levites postulate. Lk. 10. Didn't hurt, help!

B. Respectable Christian Families grossly guilty of this.

1. Anti-brethren in P.A. "Didn't cause their problem, not going to solve it either." Matt. 25:45.

(DO NOT UNTO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT THEM TO DO TO YOU.)

III. LAW OF MODERN CIVILIZATION -Silver Rule - Get even rule

A. Don't start anything; but don't take anything either!

1. Ill. Little girl making faces at ugly english bull. Scoulded: Said: "But he started it."

B. Stephen repudiated this law as he died. Acts 7:59-60.

(DO UNTO OTHERS AS THEY DO UNTO YOU.)

IV. LAW OF GOD - Golden Rule - Rule of unlimited love.

1. God started it. John 3:16. Romans 5:8. Undeserved.

2. Christ continued it. Heb. 4:15, John 15:13, Lk. 23:34.

3. It is up to Christians to finish it. Eph. 4:32.

(DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.)

INV: GOD CALLS EACH OF YOU TO THE GOLDEN RULE WAY OF LIFE.

1. Jews practiced iron rule on Jesus. Acts 2:36.

2. God condemned IT and THEM with it. They: 2:37.

3. Our Father practiced the Golden Rule on them and also on us. Acts 2:38. Golden opportunity.

If not a Christian-what rule living by? Brass-Ignore.

If an erring Christian-what rule living by? Brass-Ignore.

ALL INVITED TO ENJOY GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS.