

# *30 Practical Tips for Living the* **GOLDEN RULE**



**See the good in people.** *Make people feel special.*

**Be the first to give.** *Give for the right reason — and that is, give for no reason at all.*

**Play by the rules.** *Don't cut in line. Wait your turn.*

**Listen to others.** *Communicate. Don't just take turns talking.*

**Be unbiased.** *Never judge someone you don't know.*

**Keep an open mind.** *Search for the truth by listening to opposing arguments and letting others challenge your views and opinions.*

**Give people a chance.** *As you climb the ladder of success, reach down and pull others along with you.*

**Make every collaboration win-win.** *Never win at the expense of a relationship.*

**Be selfless.** *Put others' needs ahead of your own.*

**Tell it like it is.** *Don't say anything behind someone's back that you wouldn't say to their face.*

**Stop criticizing.** *Constructive feedback is helpful; criticism is hurtful and damaging.*

**Set the bar high.** *Be tough, but fair. Don't demand things of others that you're unwilling to do yourself.*

**Work hard.** *Pull your weight rather than weigh down the team.*

**Have a heart.** *Stand up for those who are less fortunate.*

**Be tolerant.** *Don't force your views on others. You can't expect others to abandon their values any more than you would forsake your own.*

**Give with an open hand.** *Give with no strings attached.*

**Be available.** *Be a good friend in good times and bad.*

**Be informed.** *Listen to both sides of a debate before forming your opinion.*

**Build trusting relationships.** *Earn respect rather than demanding it.*

**Be compassionate.** *Help people get back on their feet. But don't make them dependent on your good graces.*

**Be even-handed.** *Consider whether fairness would still apply if the tables were turned.*

**Forgive and forget.** *Let it go. Seeking retaliation, rather than forgiveness, traps you in the anger.*

**Share the credit.** *Deflect recognition rather than hoarding it.*

**Hold out hope.** *Lend an ear or a shoulder to cry on.*

**Accept "no" for an answer.** *Respect people's priorities rather than making everything about you.*

**Be willing to sacrifice.** *Raise your own hand rather than volunteering others.*

**Offer your unconditional love.** *Accept people for who they are, not for who you want them to be.*

**Earn your keep.** *You don't get what you want; you get what you deserve.*

**Give up control.** *Put your faith in people rather than micromanaging them.*

**Be grateful.** *Show your appreciation and never take anything for granted.*

