

Seven Rules Galatians 6:14-16

The Mire Rule

Destroy what I cannot use

Wicked shepherds (Israel) - **Ezekiel 34:17-19** *As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?*

Scribes & Pharisees - **Matthew 23:13** *But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.*

Diotrephes - **3John 9-11** *I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the Church.*

The Clay Rule

Eat, drink, & be merry

Rich farmer - **Luke 12:16-21** *And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry*

Materialist - **1Corinthians 15:32** *What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

Judah - **Isaiah 22:12-13** *In that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth; and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

The Iron Rule

Might makes right

Robbers - **Luke 10:30** *Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.*

Eli's sons - **1Samuel 2:15-16** *Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force."*

Man in Nathan's parable (David) - **2Samuel 12:4** *Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."*

The Brass Rule

Legal right

Nabal - **1Samuel 25:10-11** *And Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters. Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?"*

Priest & Levite - **Luke 10:31-32** *Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.*

Rich young man - **Matthew 19:20-22** *The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

The Silver Rule

Keeping even

Eye for an eye - **Matthew 5:38** *You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'*

Loving those who love us - **Luke 6:32** *If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.*

One talent servant - **Matthew 25:25** *so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.*

The Golden Rule

Showing others how to treat us

Samaritan - **Luke 10:33-35** *But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'*

God's children - **Matthew 5:43-45** *You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Creditor - **Matthew 18:30-35** *Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you*

The Diamond Rule

In honor preferring others

Abraham - **Genesis 13:8-11** *Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."*

Paul - **Romans 12:10** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;*

Jesus - **Romans 5:6-8** *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Which Rule Do You Follow?