

# Getting Past Excuses pt 4

Excuse

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**STOP  
EXCUSES!**

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**Excuse My Rude Attitude**

**In The Time When We Need  
People...**

**Step Up**

**Take Up**

**Responsibility**

**Make a Difference**

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**The World Instead...**

**Step Back**

**Give Up**

**Responsibility**

**Make an Excuse**

**Excuse My Attitude**



**That old law about 'an  
eye for an eye' leaves  
everybody blind. The  
time is always right to do  
the right thing.**



**Martin Luther King, Jr**  
American activist

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- **Plain**
- **Powerful**
- **Pleasing – to God and Man**
- **Pushes Beyond Excuses**

**It's the Golden Rule**



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- ***“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law /the Prophets.” Matt 7:12***
- ***“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31***



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All of the Others...  
...Focus on the  
Negative  
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...Focuses on the Positive  
...Brings Positive Change  
Golden Rule =  
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FRANCIS CHAN, CRAZY LOVE

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## **Positive Action (Change)**

***“Do not do unto others as you would not want done to you”***  
Known as the “Silver Rule”

**this Inversion of the Golden Rule Reminds Us to Not Do What We  
Would Prefer Not to Happen to Ourselves.**

**This is the Negative Version of the Golden Rule  
It IS Also an Excuse Not to Follow It!**



**GALATIANS 5:14 (KJV)**

**“FOR ALL THE  
LAW IS FULFILLED  
IN ONE WORD,  
EVEN IN THIS;  
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AS THYSELF.”**



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## **Universal Action (Change)**

***“It applies to every relationship in our lives”***

**“In everything, do to others what you want them to do to you.”**

**In Marriage, Parenting, Business, Friendships, Traffic.**

- **This Should Be Our Thought in Every Relationship.**

**This Will Cause You to Bring Change in Most Situations**



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MARK 12:31





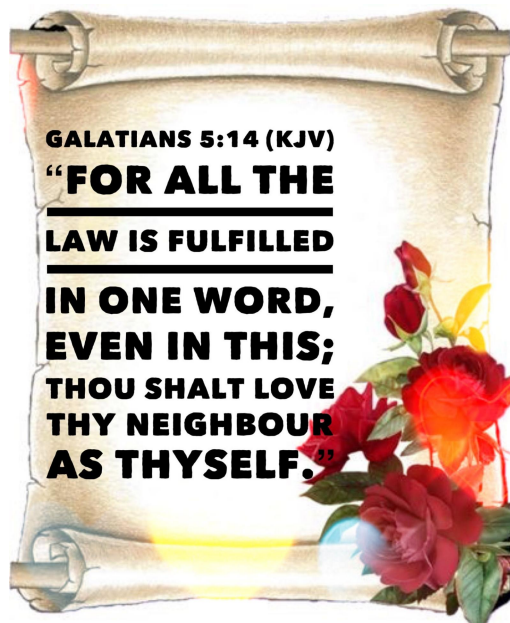


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## **Empathetic Action (Change)**

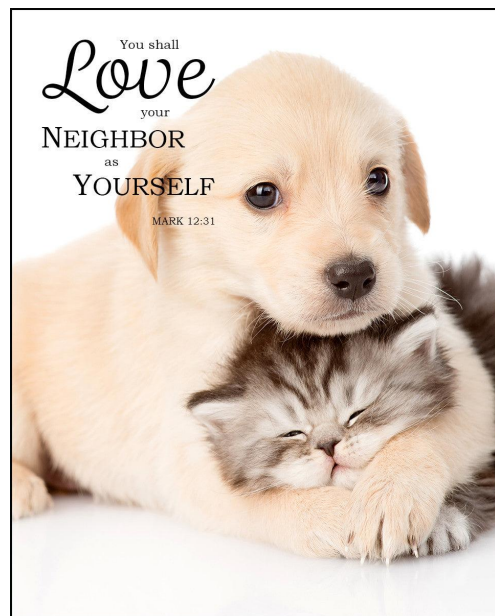
***“Put yourself in their shoes”***

- **Golden Rule is a call to Empathy and Understanding Another’s Situation and Point of View**
- **Calls upon us to Picture Ourselves as our Fellow Human and Recognize this Will Bring Positive Change**



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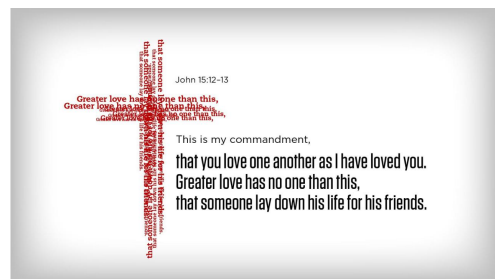


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John 15:12-13

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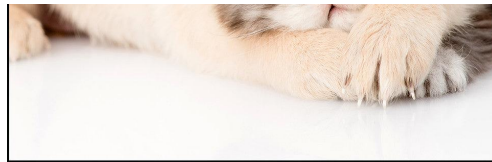


# How Can You Apply the Golden Change?

## Be Observant

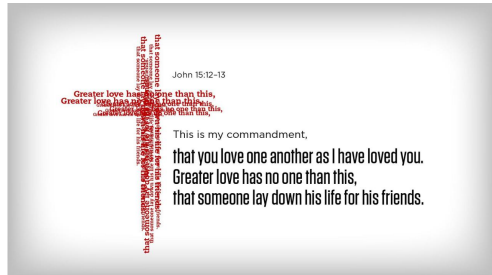
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## **Be Empathetic**

**Imagine yourself in the other person’s place.** How would you feel if you were in the same situation? (**Romans 12:15**) When you try to understand the feelings of others, you may feel moved to help them.

## **Be Flexible**

**Keep in mind that everyone is different.** What others would like to have done for them may not be the same as what you would want to have done for you. Try to choose what they will appreciate most. -**1 Cor 10:24**

# Challenge - Be the Change

Be the change  
you wish to see  
in the world.

~Gandhi



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**Practicing = You Look for Opportunities**

**Living = Opportunity Looks for You**

**Now You Become the Change**



**What's Your  
Excuse?**

**Be the Change**

