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### The Golden Rule

“Do for others what you would like them to do for you.”

(Matthew 7:12)

### The Golden Rule Applied

Be the friend you would like to have. In life, you don't attract what you *want*. You attract what you *are*.

Life is meant to be enjoyed, not merely endured. When you have awesome friends, the joys in your life are doubled, because you share them with your friends. And the sorrows in your life are cut in half, because you can share them with your friends.

# Five Golden Rules of Friendship

## 1. Invest \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others. (Philippians 2:4)

## 2. Earn \_\_\_\_\_.

Many people claim to be a friend, but it's rare to find someone who is truly trustworthy. (Proverbs 20:6)

## How?

- By \_\_\_\_\_.

A friend loves you all the time. (Proverbs 17:17)

- By \_\_\_\_\_.

A true friend is always loyal and a brother is born to help in a time of need. (Proverbs 17:17)

- **By** \_\_\_\_\_.

No one who gossips can be trusted ... but you can put your confidence in someone who is trustworthy. A true friend keeps a secret. (Proverbs 11:13)

- 3. Accept** \_\_\_\_\_.

Accept one another just as Christ accepted you. (Romans 15:7)

- 4. Celebrate** \_\_\_\_\_.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. (Romans 12:15)

- 5. Love** \_\_\_\_\_.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)