

WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?

“The Golden Rule”

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you**, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” **Matthew 7:9-12 (NIV)**

- **We don’t have the power IN US to reach “GOOD ENOUGH” with God.**

*If anyone thinks they are something **when they are not**, they deceive themselves. **Galatians 6:3 (NIV)***

All** have sinned, and fall short of God’s glory. **Romans 3:23

*There is a way that **seems right** to a man, but in the end it **leads to death**. **Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)***

- **We’re far worse than we ever imagined, and far more loved than we could have ever dreamed.**

¹⁵ **I don’t really understand myself**, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² **I love God’s law** with all my heart. ²³ **But** there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will free me from this life** that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! **The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Romans 7:15-25 (NLT)

³ There was a time when I **wouldn't admit** what a sinner I was. But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration. ⁴ All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day ⁵ **until I finally admitted all my sins** to you and stopped trying to hide them. **Psalm 32:3-5 (TLB)**

I just let **Christ take over!** And so the **weaker** I get, the **stronger** I become. **2 Corinthians 12:10 (MSG)**

- **Embracing DEPRAVITY is the first step to living in VICTORY.**

For I can do everything **through Christ**, who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:13 (NLT)**