

A Rule of Gold – Part 2

“What should I do when I see people asking for money on the side of the road?”

I. My First Reaction

1. Does it make you angry or upset when you see someone begging? _____
 - a. Don't become _____ too quickly, it could lead to foolish behavior.
(Ecclesiastes 7:9)
2. Jesus said, “Do not _____ or you'll be _____ also.” (Matthew 7:1–2)
3. We are not to make judgments by __ PP __ R _____ only, but use
____ H ____ U ____ judgment. (John 7:24)
 - a. When encountering a person begging on the road, how much do I know about them at that moment? _____
4. When we encounter a beggar, they are begging for one of three reasons. They are:
(1) D ____ H ____ S ____ (2) A ____ C ____ D (3) D ____ P ____ R ____ T ____

II. I Am Obligated

5. As Christians, we are obligated to help those in need. Jesus said, “_____ to everyone who asks of you. (Luke 6:30)
6. If we have opportunity, we must do good to _____. (Galatians 6:10)
7. True or False: A blessing and prayer are sufficient when a brother or sister are in need.
(James 2:15–17)
8. When we know to do good but refuse to do it, then to us it is _____. (James 4:17)
9. If we do not help the needy, then we do not have the _____ of _____.
(1 John 3:17)
10. Will our benevolence carry much weight in the Judgment? (Matthew 25:37–40) _____

III. Use Caution When Helping

11. When Jesus sent out His 12 disciples, He told them to be “_____ as serpents and _____ as doves.” (Matthew 10:16)
12. Godly wisdom is _____, then _____, _____, willing to yield, full of _____ and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. (James 3:17)
13. We are to live in _____, making the best use of our _____ and effort.
(Colossians 4:5)
14. Jesus said, “For you have the poor with you _____.” (Matthew 26:11)

15. When we give money to an addict, we may be enabling them to continue their addiction.
- “Woe to him who gives _____ to his neighbor.” (Habakkuk 2:15)
 - Therefore do not be _____ with them. (Ephesians 5:7)

IV. It Is an Individual Choice

16. Did Peter give money to the lame beggar who lay by the gate? (Acts 3:6) _____
17. The formula Jesus used was to care for people’s P ___ Y ___ C ___ needs first, then feed their S ___ R ___ T ___ L needs.
18. Jesus said, “Do not labor for the _____ which perishes, but for the _____ which endures to everlasting life. (John 6:27)
19. Jesus Christ is the _____ of life. . (John 6:35)

V. Questions and Discussion

20. What percentage of panhandlers are in legitimate need?
21. How should I handle those who say they have a desperate need? (sick relative, child care)
22. What is the quickest way to get rid of a beggar?
23. How do we balance practical wisdom and compassion? How do we handle this passage?
“Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.” (Luke 6:30)
24. Jesus taught us to “let our light shine” so others can see our good works (Matthew 5:16). On the other hand, He also taught not to “do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them.” (Matthew 6:1–4). Is this a contradiction?
25. Discuss, suggest, or advise on various ways our congregation can be more benevolent.