



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

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[Practicing the Golden Rule is not a sacrifice; it is an investment.](#)

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My first newsletter of the New Year is usually about resolutions. The only difference this year would be that I actually intend to keep them. How many of you have heard of Karma. The idea that the moral quality of one's actions influences other events in his or hers life. I think the golden rule is a lot like karma.

Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

The Golden rule: **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** Think about it. If you are nasty to people on a

regular basis, well I would think that most people are going to ignore you or be nasty right back. If you talk ugly, again the same, it’s going to come back. If you hurt someone’s feelings, do you really think that yours are not going to hurt eventually?

Well this is my New Year resolution and maybe it should be yours as well. I am going to practice the golden rule. No I mean it. I am really going to try. It’s got to be the right thing to do.

As a youngster, I can still hear my father every time I complained to him that someone had wronged me. “What did you do to them” as if I did something wrong first. I think this was his way of teaching me the golden rule. Today has not changed much from those days. If I really try, I bet I can find when I really feel like I have been wronged, there may just be something that I did not do right first.

Let’s all try to think of the golden rule the next time we play golf, go shopping, or just everyday interaction with other people. I bet it will be a better day.

**If Not: Well karma’s a b\*#^%**

**HAPPY NEW YEARS  
EVERYONE**