
Four General Rules of Conduct.

1. Develop a sense of personal responsibility. You are a man; you want to be treated like a man. Don't claim, then, the emancipations accorded to children. Your Dad works eight hours a day; why don't you?

Plan your life like a rational being, and carry out your plan as if you had a will. Don't make the rector tell you not to take or destroy property that belongs to somebody else. Don't make a nuisance of yourself because your identity is hidden in a group. Don't lie simply because you're afraid to tell the truth. Don't wait until semester exams to discover that you have to do a day's work every day.

2. Look to the result of all your actions. In other words, don't live like a dumb machine. The rule is almost like telling a fellow not to throw a stone through the house window because he will break the window and injure somebody inside.

And you probably think you do consider the effect of your actions--of your important actions anyway. But look what in grace and in character and in studies is the loss to you of not getting out of bed on time in the morning? What do sloppiness and negligence in speech and in personal appearance cost you? What does day dreaming, or looseness in conversation and reading, do to the integrity of your own intellect and will?

3. Respect your duty of giving good example to others. He wants me to be a "model"! No he doesn't, but he wants you to know that if your actions influence others to evil, you are responsible.

Have you ever lowered anybody's standards of morality through counsel, or insinuation, or coercion? Is your conversation wholesome to listeners? Do you cheat in your class work and thereby help others to dishonor and dishonesty? Do you ever gloat over your religious "indifference" and your broad-mindedness on delicate questions? Do you encourage others by word or deed to resist legitimate authority?

4. Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you; and do to others what you wish they would do to you. Old stuff, eh what, this Golden Rule? Yet it is basic--in the Gospel and at the roots of a man's own sense of fair play.

Is it mere advice? No, Christ commanded it. It is at the very bottom of Christianity. And what a just and charitable and happy world if everyone followed it!

What if you placed yourself in Dick Sullivan's position on that hospital bed--paralyzed, hopeless of health and happiness in this life, trusting blindly in the prayers of your pals out at school! If for a moment you made that mental switch, wouldn't you get out of bed these mornings and make the novena for Dick?

What if you placed yourself seriously in the position of your won father and mother, if you realized their plans for your success, experienced their sacrifices to give you opportunity? Would you loaf and spend money foolishly? Would you do anything dishonorable?

If you had just finished twenty-four hours in Purgatory, how would you function these days for the Poor Souls?

Do you like to deal with critical, untruth, selfish companions? Then be kind and polite and unselfish yourself!

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