

# “How Do I Try and Trick, or Treat, God?”

Based on Proverbs 5:11-14 & Matthew 7:12

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## *Proverbs 5:11-14*

11 *At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.*

12 *You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction!"*

13 *I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors.*

14 *And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people."*

† If I do not listen to Godly instructions, I am destined for problems.

† If I do listen to God's instructions, I will avoid many problems in my life.

*Matthew 7:12 - So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

† In everything I do, I must actively do to others what I would have them do to me.

† I want to be treated by others with respect, with dignity, and being truthful.

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† If I treat others worse than I want to be treated, then I have to change.

† The attitude which says “I must do no harm to others” is quite different from the attitude which says “I must do my best for others.”

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† I need to walk with others to make it through life, treating them as God would, for I am God's physical presence with them.

## *Applying Today's Message to My Life:*

† When have I gotten in trouble as a kid?

As a youth?

As an adult?

† Was I listening to God's way or my way each time?

† How do I want to be treated by others?

† When have I listened to God and followed “The Golden Rule” (Matthew 7:12)?

How did things turn out?

† This week, how will I treat others - Listening to God or me?