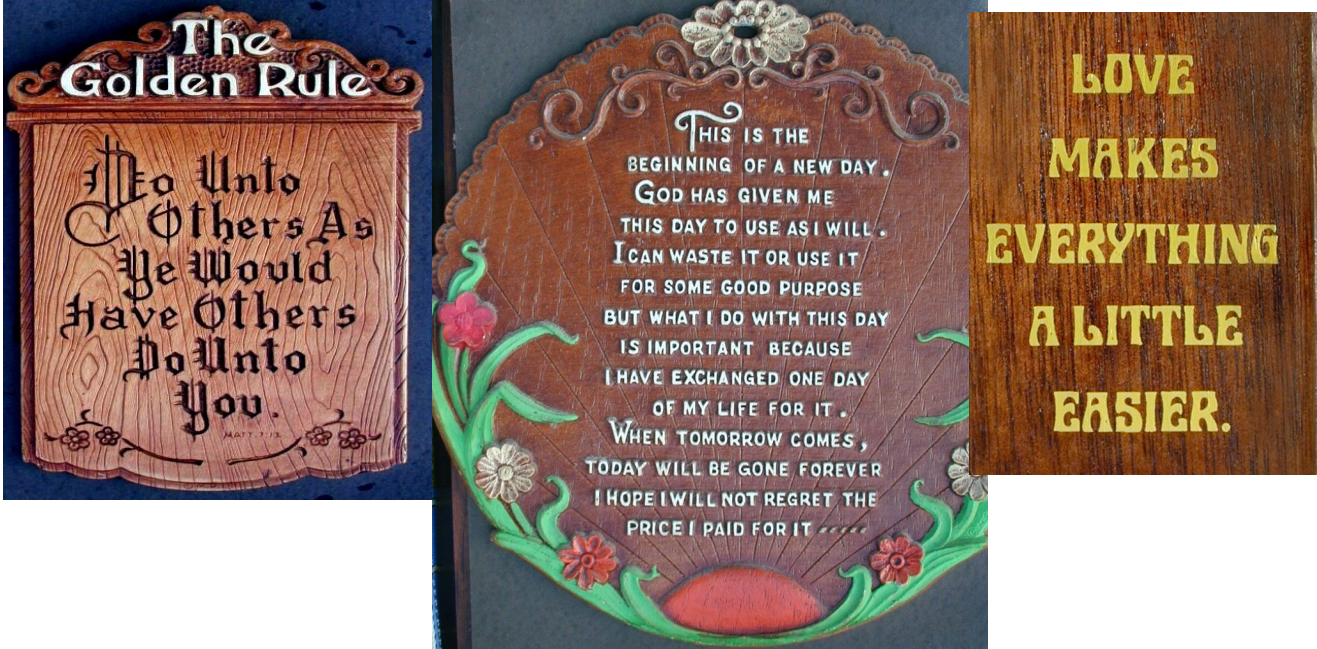


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At the left is the standard we were taught to live by.



It doesn't matter what ones religious beliefs are, you are still responsible for your actions in your life. Many live for self, enjoy pleasures, accumulate wealth. Socrates said nothing in excess. The richest people and the poorest people all come in to the world with nothing and leave with nothing. Except their legacy. We will be judged on what we did with our life not how much wealth we accumulated or how many fancy dinners we ate. Those who have millions in the bank can't take it with them. They are judged on what they did with their lives.

Sometimes, in times of difficulty, someone helps us out. We salute those who tell us "Don't pay me back instead Pay it Forward. Help someone else when they need it." Random acts of kindness are bright jewels in life. Shouldn't we all remember the scout slogan "Do a good turn daily" and the motto "Be Prepared." They have saved lives and made big positive differences in many lives.

Most of our pioneers had a sense of community. Everyone was expected to work and contribute to the community. Everyone was expected to be responsible for their actions. Most lived by what is called the Golden Rule which was to always treat others as you would want to be treated yourself. Academically this is called the principal of mutual reciprocity. Most of Warren and Center Line settlers were raised to follow the most important Christian commandment that to Love one Another. This is historically significant because when one compares the American culture with other cultures we prospered to a large extent by practicing this rule. Other cultures who did not failed. Today many folks need to realize that we can do much better if we help each other.

