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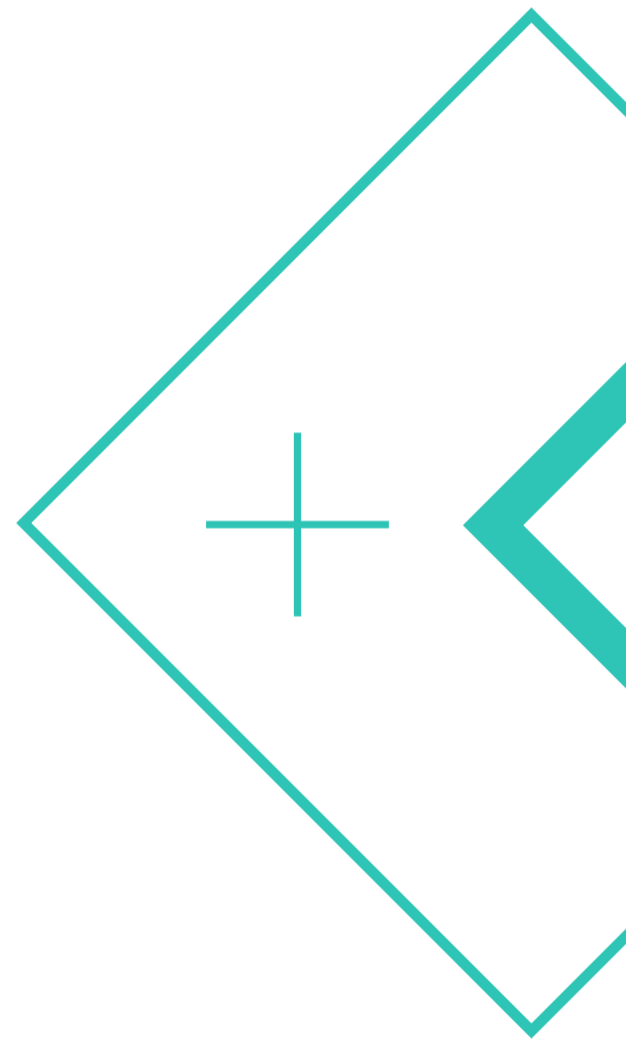
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**THE
GOLDEN
RULE**

Interpersonal
Relationships -
what it means to
love one another

The Golden Rule

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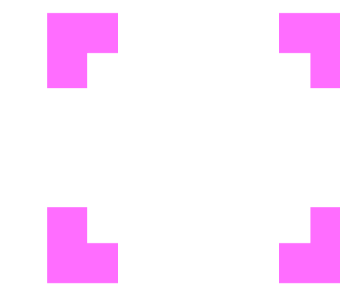
WHO IS JESUS TALKING TO?



CHRISTIANS

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

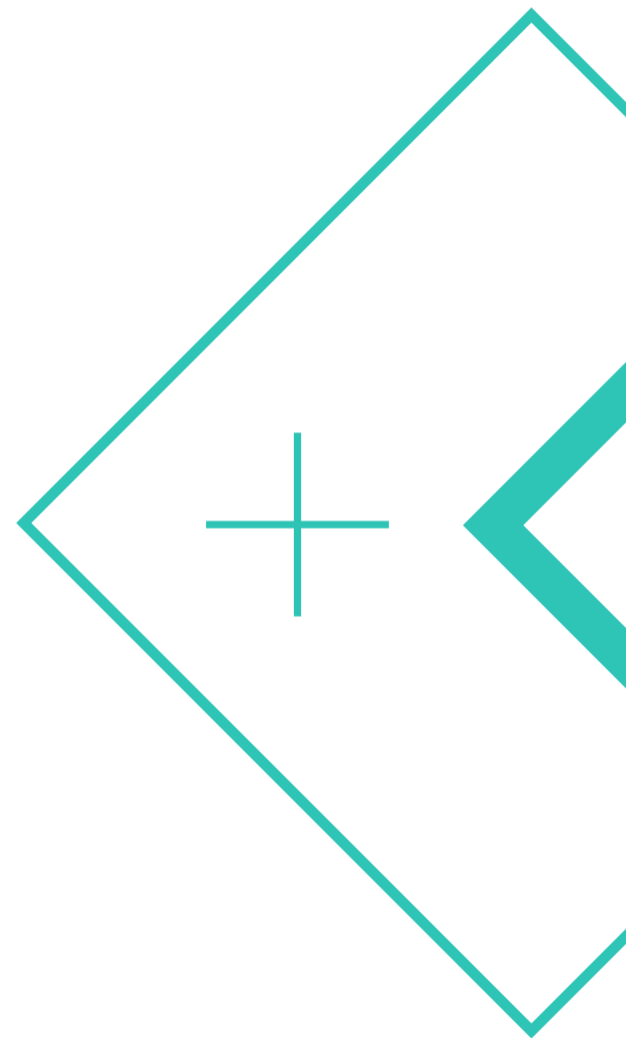
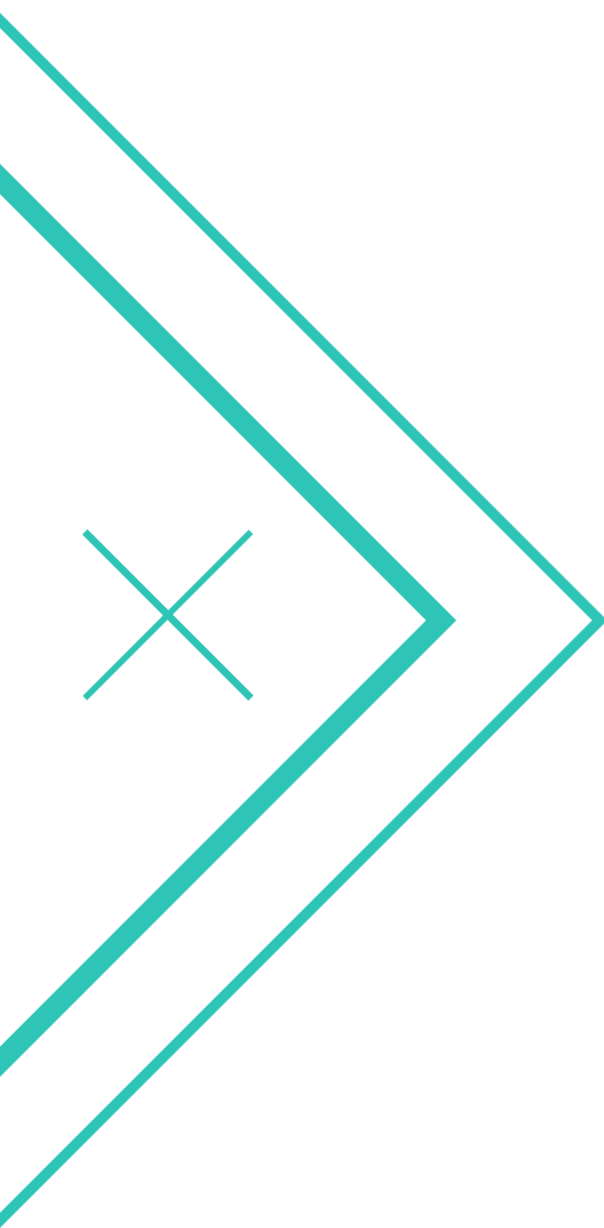
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"...DO to others..."

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- Active not passive
- Take the initiative
- Seize the opportunity
- Present tense: continued action



"Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, **then grab the initiative and do it for them.**"

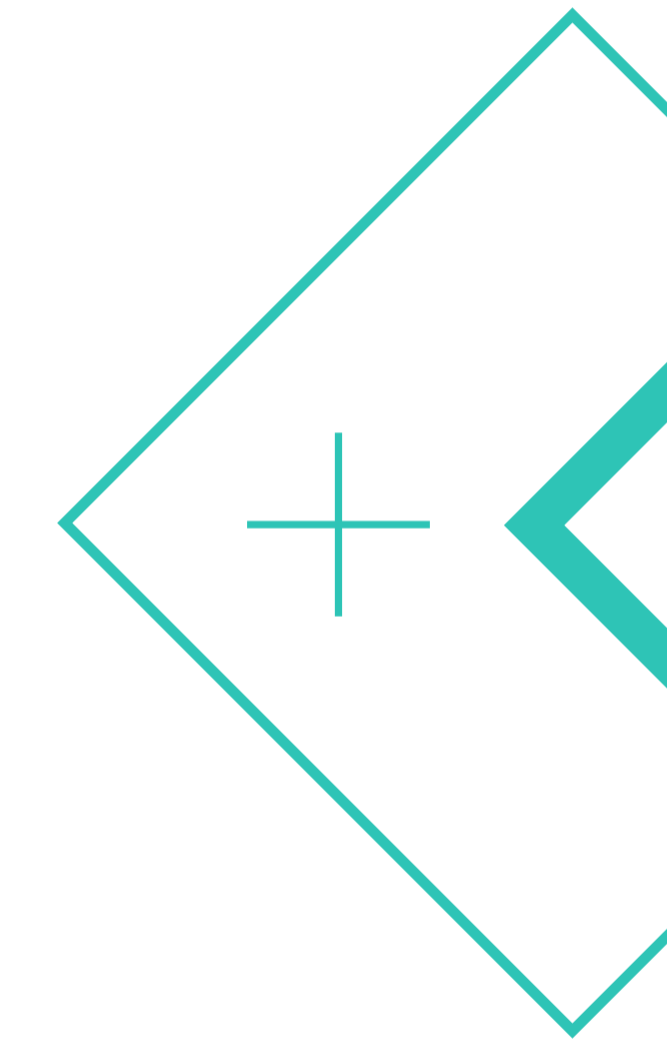
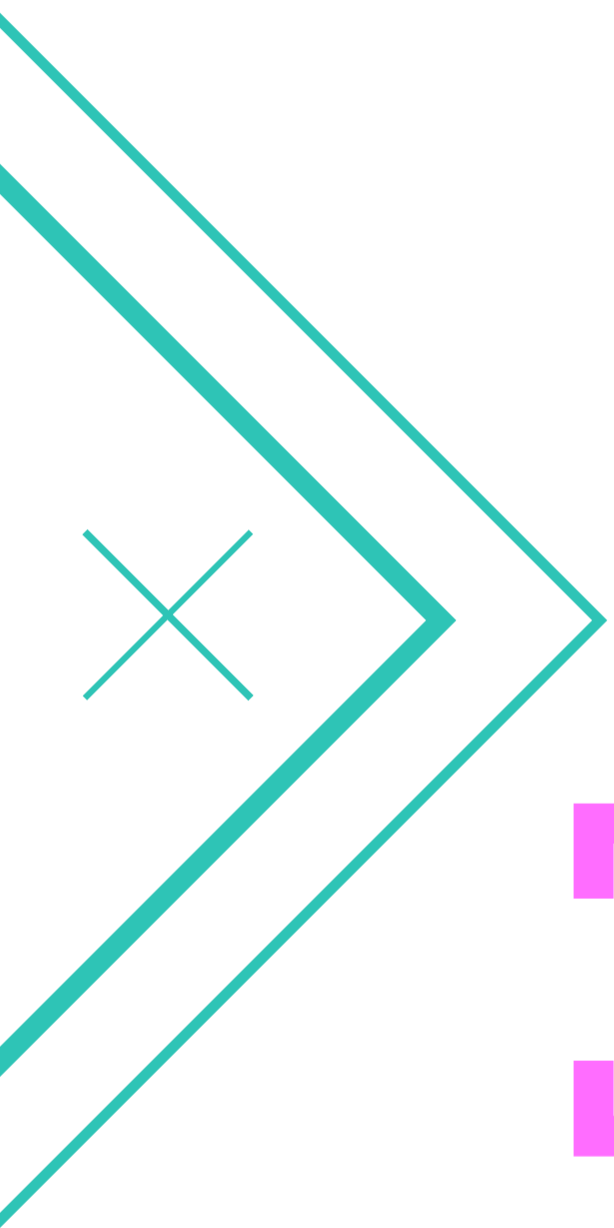
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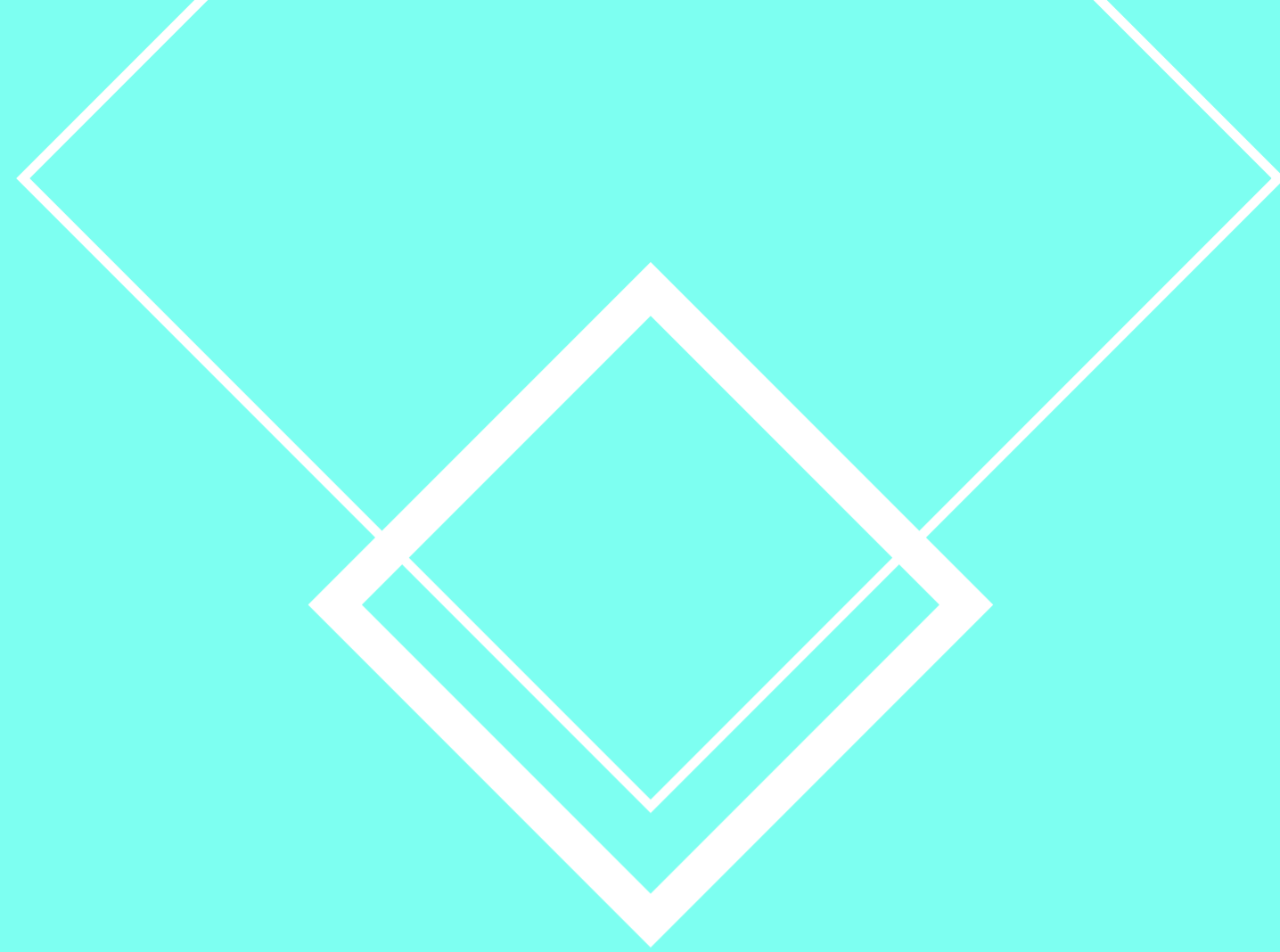
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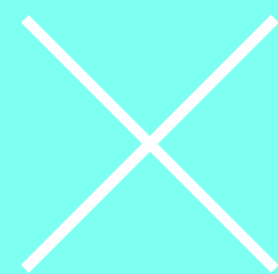
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“DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU
WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU” MEANS
QUALITY AND CREATIVITY





THE GOLDEN RULE

HOW DO I WANT OTHERS TO TREAT ME?

- Honest - no lies/
deception
- Genuine - true and real
- Kind - willing to help
- Forgiving - as I mess up!
- Accepting - welcome me
- Listen - interested in me



JESUS SAYS

- Go and be
those quality
things!
- Treat other
people like that



THE GOLDEN RULE **QUALITY AT WORK**

HOW DO I WANT OTHERS TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES?

- Hardworking/efficient
- Trustworthy
- With integrity
- Professionally
- Keep their promises
- Admit fault
- Get on with colleagues



JESUS SAYS

- Go and be those things
- Conduct yourself like that!



THE GOLDEN RULE **QUALITY AT SCHOOL**

HOW WOULD I LIKE OTHER PEOPLE TO BE TO BE?

- Don't poke fun
- Accept me and don't judge me
- Stick up for me
- Be a faithful and loyal friend
- Keep secrets



JESUS SAYS

- Go and be those things
- Treat friends/people at school like that!



GOLDEN RULE **QUALITY AT HOME/MARRIAGE**

HOW WOULD I LIKE FAMILY/ MY PARTNER TO TREAT ME?

- Listen to me
- Spend quality time with me
- Respect me
- Care for me
- Be tender
- Don't be critical



JESUS SAYS

- Go and be those things
- Treat your partner/family like that!



THE GOLDEN RULE **QUALITY AT CHURCH**

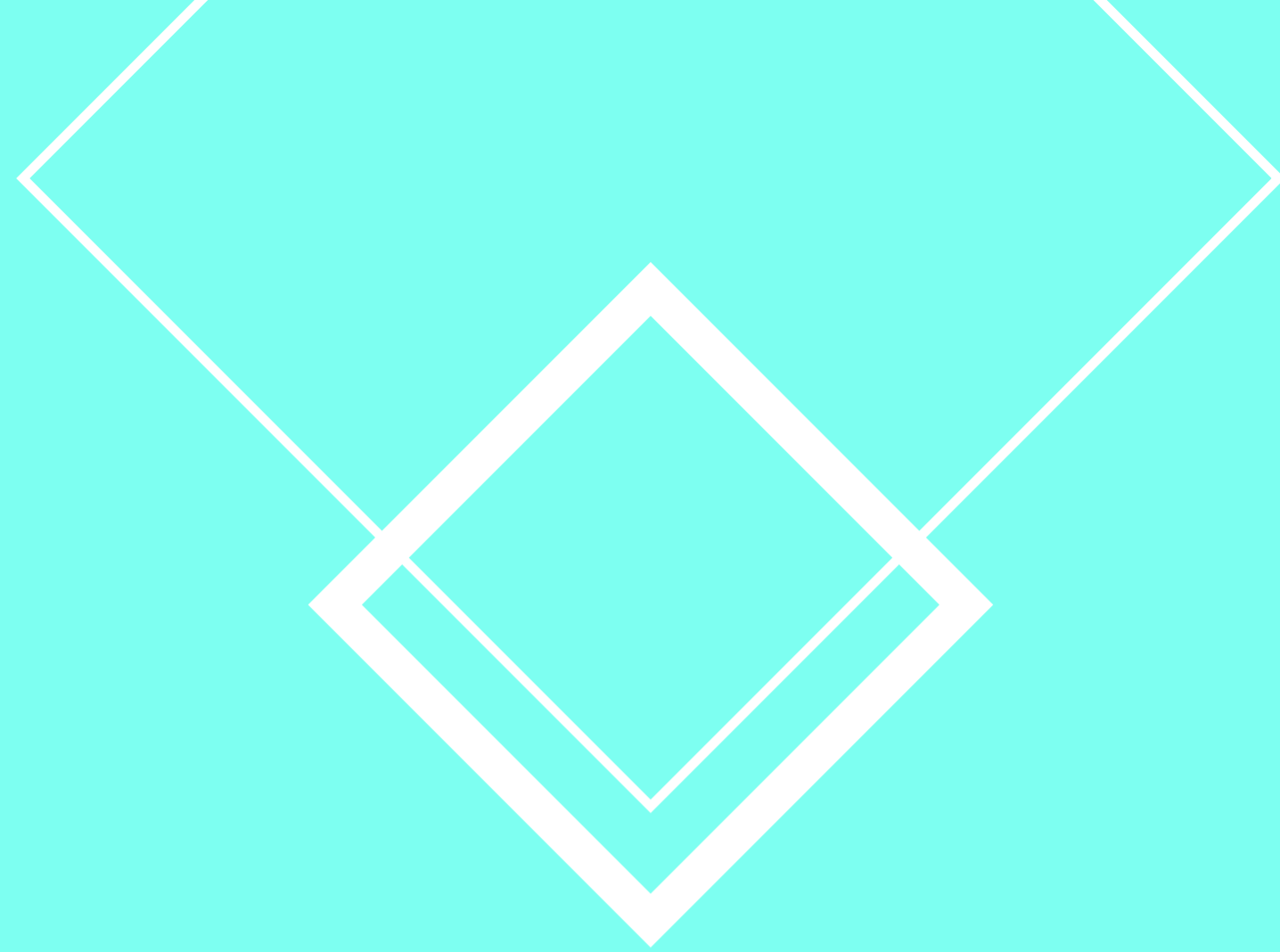
HOW WOULD I LIKE MY FELLOW CHRISTIANS TO TREAT ME?

- Don't gossip about me
- Chat to me
- Be open
- Encourage me
- Understand me
- Build me up
- Pray for me



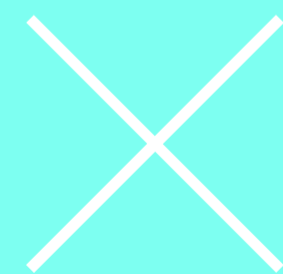
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- Go and be those things
- Treat your faith family like that kind of quality!



DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU
WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU

QUALITY + CREATIVITY





THE GOLDEN RULE: **CREATIVITY**

NIV So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

ESV So whatever you **wish** that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Tim Challies/Stephen Witmer "In all our relationships, we are called to serve and surprise." "So regularly ask God 'how can I be faithful in service?' And 'how can I surprise my faith family? How can I go above and beyond? How can I show lavish generosity?'"



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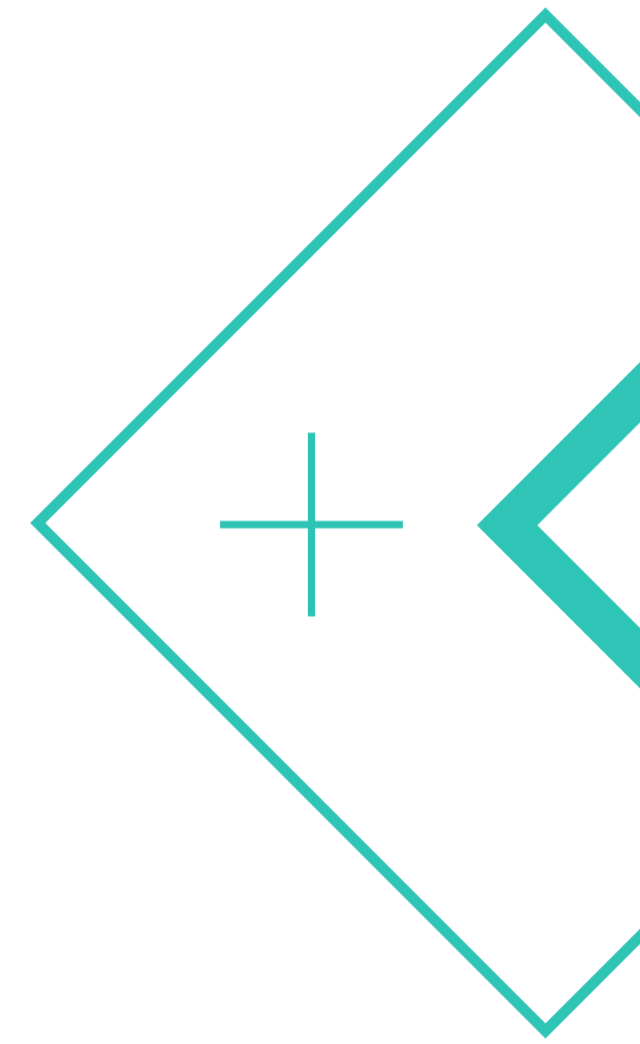
“...in everything...”



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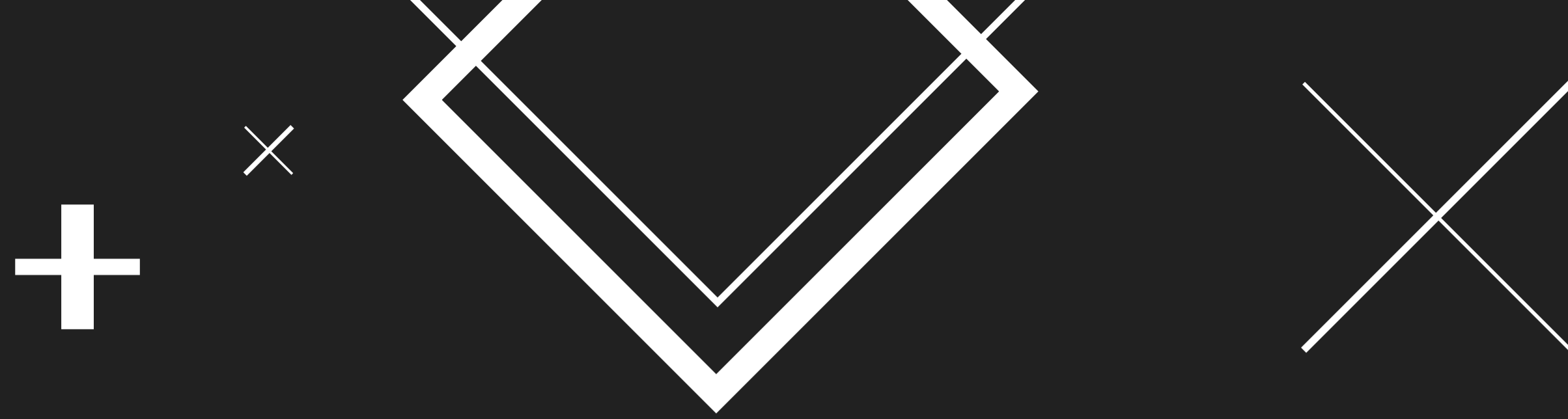
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How can I live like that?
IT'S TOO HARD!

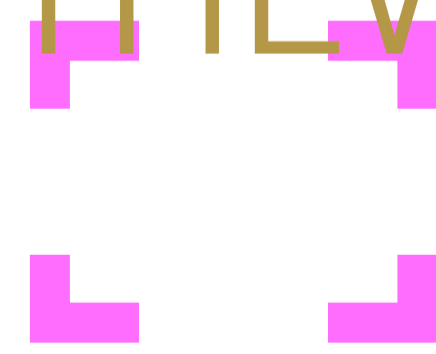
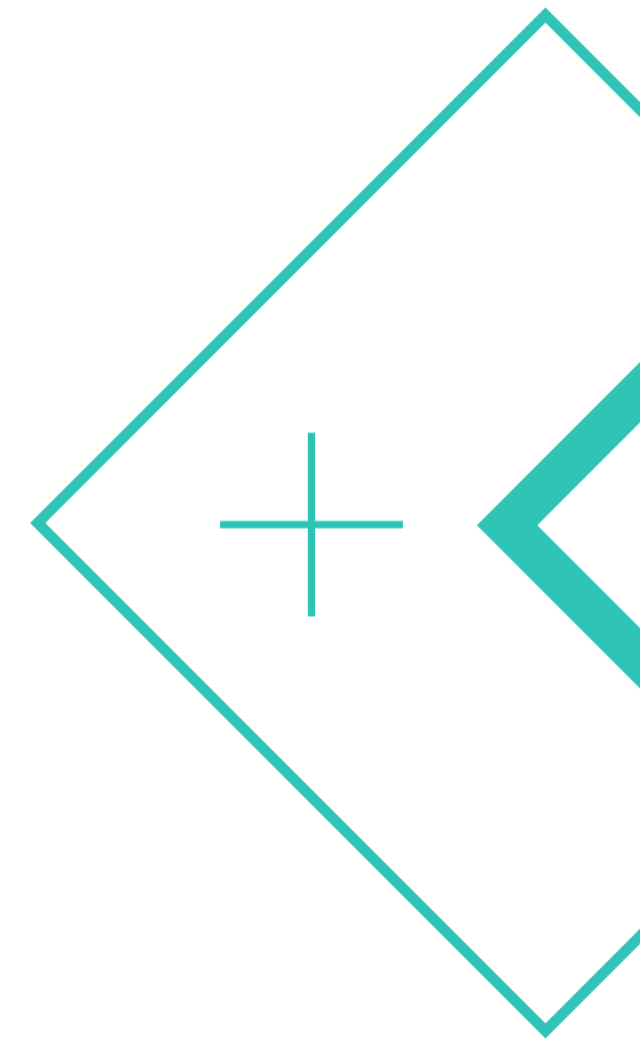
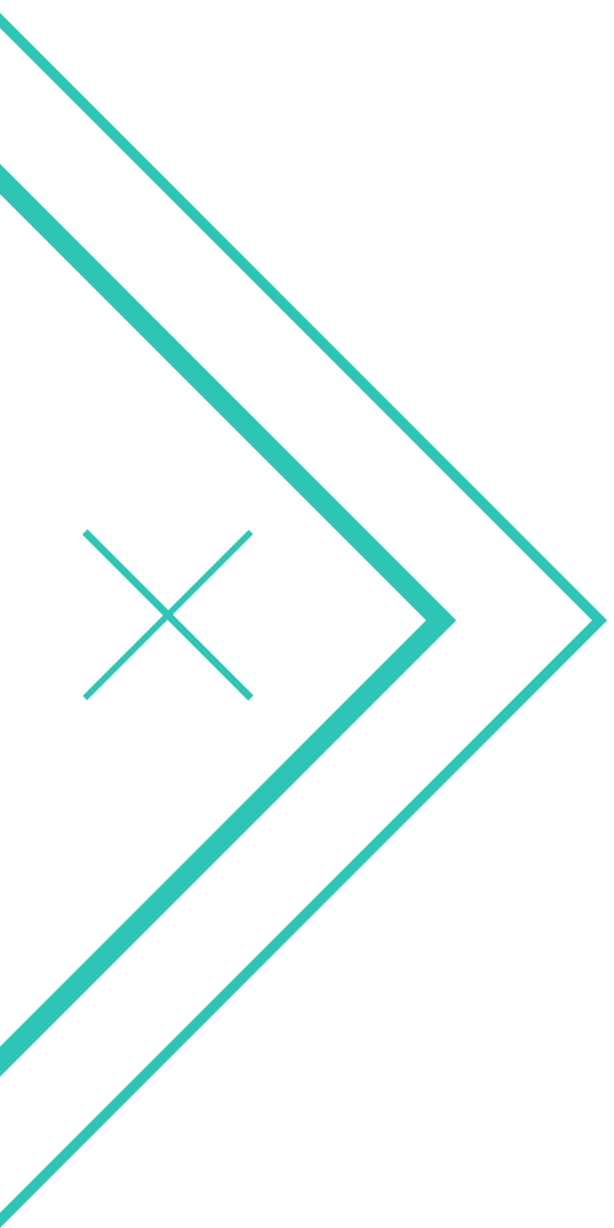
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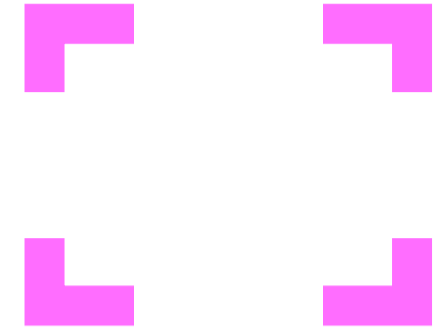
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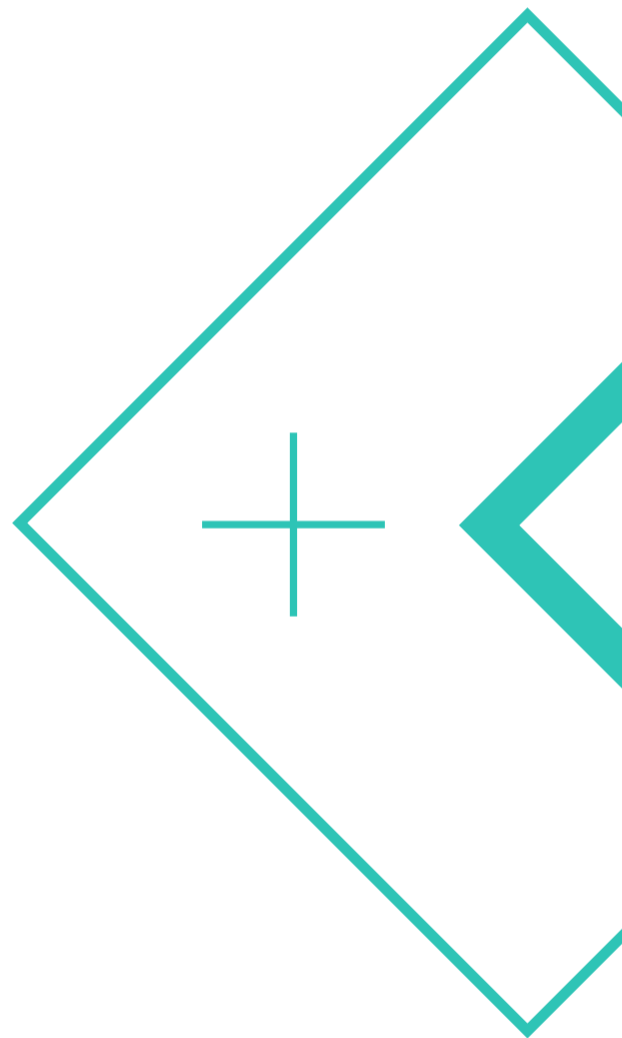




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HELP TO KEEP GOLDEN RULE

7 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:7—11





WHAT EMPOWERS US TO KEEP THE GOLDEN RULE?

“Generosity shown to us inspires us to be generous to others. It releases something in us which wants to be kind and generous to others.”

Stephen Witmer

