

Good Call  
Matthew 7:12 – 14  
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**Main Idea:** Jesus calls us to make difficult decisions that ultimately benefit our lives.

**Introduction**

In many sports people look at the calls that coaches make after the game is over. We call it Monday morning quarterbacking. The fact is that after the game is over we know whether or not the coach made a good call or a bad call to win the game. It's easy to judge the call the coach makes after the game has been decided.

We are all expected to make good call in life. The world expects us to make the kinds of calls the benefit us above all else. The biggest role in this world is "At me first." Jesus takes that role and turns it on its head. He calls us to take our own self loving and vanity and put ourselves in another person's shoes and due to them what we would do for ourselves. He also calls us to choosing the right path as we live either for him or against him. The life we live and the choices we make have eternal consequences.

**Matthew 7:12**

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

- I.** Jesus calls us to treat others fairly.
  - A He appeals to our vanity.
  - B He appeals to God's laws.

**Matthew 7:13-14**

**13** "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. **14** For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

- II.** Jesus calls us to the rough road.
  - A The first path is easy.
  - B The second path is hard.

**Conclusion**

Jesus calls us to make the hard calls, the choices that are not easy or natural for us to make. He reminds us that our choices to treat others the way we would want to be treated and to choose the

right road that may be harder for us but have better eternal consequences matters deeply to us. Let us take into account what Jesus says about the consequences that should weigh our decisions and our actions. May we realize the weight of the calls we make in life and not wait until eternity to look back and find that we made the wrong decisions. We need to treat others the way we would like to be treated so that we are fair. We also need to choose the hard road and the narrow gate that is not popular so that our souls are not destroyed in eternity.