

子貢問曰：“有一言而可以終身行之者乎”
子曰：“其恕乎！己所不欲、勿施於人。”

Zi gong [one of Confucius' students] asked: “Is there one word which may serve as a rule of practice for all one's life?”

The Master said: “Is not RECIPROCITY such a word: what you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others?”