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That's in the Bible.

All of us preachers have our stories of times we misspoke or said something in a sermon that just wasn't right. One of my favorite stories involved a close preacher friend of mine who told this on himself. When he was a young preacher just getting started, he was in the middle of his message one Sunday, & for some reason he got on a rabbit trail (interpretation—veered off the sermon & got on a tangent). He said, " There are a lot of things that people say are in the Bible, but they are not in the Bible. For instance, Cleanliness is next to godliness. That's not in the Bible! ". Then, he said, " Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The golden rule! That's not in the Bible! ". One of the men in the congregation spoke up & said, " Preacher, That is in the Bible! Jesus said, We are to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. ". My dear preacher friend should have just agreed, but foolishly responded, " Well, I've never read it! ". Even though, I heard him tell this a number of times, I never failed to laugh with him about this. Maybe, it was because I have a number of my own embarrassing stories. Just to make a point: There are many statements that people think are in the Bible that are not in God's Word, and there are things that are in the Bible that people do not know or realize. It is good to know chapter & verse when we quote scripture.

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