



**BUILDING
STRONG RELATIONSHIPS**

LIVING A LIFE OF INTEGRITY SERIES

Do Not Judge Others

1 Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. 2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. 3 And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?

MATTHEW 7:1-12

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Do Not Judge Others

4 How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?

5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

MATTHEW 7:1-12

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Do Not Judge Others

6 Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.

Effective Prayer

7 Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking,

MATTHEW 7:1-12

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Effective Prayer

and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!

MATTHEW 7:1-12

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Effective Prayer

11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

MATTHEW 7:1-12

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The Golden Rule

12 Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

MATTHEW 7:1-12

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

01: Your Relationship with _____.

02: Your Relationship with _____.

03: Your Relationship with _____.

04: Your Relationship with _____.

**GOLDEN RULE
RELATIONSHIPS**

01: Your Relationship with Christians.

02: Your Relationship with _____.

03: Your Relationship with _____.

04: Your Relationship with _____.

**GOLDEN RULE
RELATIONSHIPS**

(01) Avoid _____ words.

(02) Shun _____ actions.

01: Your Relationship
with CHRISTAINS.

Judging Others (Luke 6.37,38,41,42)

1 Don't condemn others, and God won't condemn you. 2 God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.

MATTHEW 7:1-2

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

(01) Avoid judgmental words.

(02) Shun hypocritical actions.

01: Your Relationship
with CHRISTAINS.

3 You can see the speck in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the log in your own eye. 4 How can you say, "My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye," when you don't see the log in your own eye? 5 You're nothing but show-offs! First, take the log out of your own eye. Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye.

MATTHEW 7:3-5

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

01: Your Relationship with Christians.

02: Your Relationship with Hostiles.

03: Your Relationship with _____.

04: Your Relationship with _____.

GOLDEN RULE
RELATIONSHIPS

(01) Hostile people _____ your faith.

(02) Hostile people _____ your faith.

02: Your Relationship
with HOSTILES.

(01) Hostile people mock your faith.

(02) Hostile people _____ your faith.

02: Your Relationship
with HOSTILES.

6 Don't be flip with the sacred. Banter and silliness give no honor to God. Don't reduce holy mysteries to slogans. In trying to be relevant, you're only being cute and inviting sacrilege.

MATTHEW 7:6
THE MESSAGE

(01) Hostile people mock your faith.

(02) Hostile people blaspheme your faith.

02: Your Relationship
with HOSTILES.

6 Don't be flip with the sacred. Banter and silliness give no honor to God. Don't reduce holy mysteries to slogans. In trying to be relevant, you're only being cute and inviting sacrilege.

MATTHEW 7:6
THE MESSAGE

01: Your Relationship with Christians.

02: Your Relationship with Hostiles.

03: Your Relationship with God.

04: Your Relationship with _____.

GOLDEN RULE
RELATIONSHIPS

(01) _____ (Don't _____).

(02) _____ (Don't be _____).

(03) _____ (Don't _____).

03: Your Relationship
with GOD.

(01) ASK (Don't demand).

(02) _____ (Don't be _____).

(03) _____ (Don't _____).

03: Your Relationship
with GOD.

7-8 Don't bargain with God.
Be direct. Ask for what you
need. This isn't a cat-and-mouse,
hide-and-seek game we're in.

MATTHEW 7:7-8
THE MESSAGE

2 You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. 3 Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons.

JAMES 4:2-3

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

(01) ASK (Don't demand).

(02) SEEK (Don't be passive).

(03) _____ (Don't _____).

03: Your Relationship
with GOD.

8 This isn't a cat-and-mouse,
hide-and-seek game we're in.

MATTHEW 7:8
THE MESSAGE

(01) ASK (Don't demand).

(02) SEEK (Don't be passive).

(03) KNOCK (Don't give up).

03: Your Relationship
with GOD.

9-11 If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? If he asks for fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing. You're at least decent to your own children. So don't you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?

MATTHEW 7:9-11

THE MESSAGE

01: Your Relationship with Christians.

02: Your Relationship with Hostiles.

03: Your Relationship with God.

04: Your Relationship with People.

GOLDEN RULE
RELATIONSHIPS

12 Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God's Law and Prophets and this is what you get.

MATTHEW 7:12
THE MESSAGE

5 Life goes well for person who is generous and lends willingly and are honest in business. 6 He will never fail. A righteous (lawful, fair) person will always be remembered.

PSALM 112:5-10
PROPHETIC WORD

7 Bad news won't bother them; they have decided to trust the Lord (place their total confidence, with strong faith in God). 8 His heart is steady (established, braced securely), and he is not afraid (will not dread the future). In the end he will look triumphant (victorious) to his enemies.

PSALM 112:5-10

PROPHETIC WORD

9 He gives generously to the needy,
and his kindness never fails (releases
prosperity); he will be powerful (will
be promoted to positions of authority,
prosperity) and respected (honored).
10 The wicked (those who are not
in right relationship with God)

PSALM 112:5-10
PROPHETIC WORD

see this and are angry (spread gossip); they glare in hate (live in total discouragement) and disappear (loose heart, give up in despair); their hopes are gone forever.

PSALM 112:5-10
PROPHETIC WORD