

Your Spiritual Foundation

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Be At Peace With Your Brother

- *Matt 5:22 (NKJV) But I say unto you whoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of the judgement. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.*
- Put anger aside
- Make every effort to reconcile-Luke 12:58
- Paul warned the Corinthians about divisions (1 Cor 3:3)

Be At Peace With Your Brother

- *John 15:20 (NKJV) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*
 - We are to love each other
 - A commandment; not a choice
- *Romans 12:14 (NKJV) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse*
 - Make peace with our enemies; can be a challenge

Keep Marriage Vows

- Keep Marriage Vows ; God hates divorce(1 Cor 7:10-11)
- Marriage is sacred (Mark 10:6-9)
- God sanctioned marriage between a man and a woman
- *Matt 5:32 (NKJV) But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery*
- Divorce sanctioned only for sexual immorality

Be Fortright and Honest

- *Matt 5:37 (NKJV) “But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”*
- *Proverbs 19:9 (NKJV) A false witness will not go unpunished. And he who speaks lies shall perish.*
- *Rev 22:15 (NKJV) But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolators, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*

Be Fortright and Honest

- *Psalms 101:7 (NKJV) He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.*
- We must always tell the truth
- Stern warning against lying
- Liars will remain outside the gates of heaven (Rev 22:15)

Love One Another

- Matt 5:43-48- we are to love one another
- Includes our enemies (v 44)
- Do good to those who hate us (v 44)
- Pray for our enemies (v 44)
- We must strive to be perfect just as God is perfect (v 48)
- Easier to love those who love us; harder to love those who hate us

Be Sincere

- *Matt 6:2 (NKJV) “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly I say to you, they have their reward.”*
- Charitable deeds are to help others
- We don't need to seek earthly reward or recognition-God knows our works

Lay Up Heavenly Treasures

-Matt 6:19-21

- Earthly treasures eventually wear out or are destroyed. (v 19)
- Heavenly treasures are everlasting (v 20)
- Our heart lies where our treasure is (v 21)
- OK for Christians to have nice things
- They shouldn't consume us or much of our time

Lay Up Heavenly Treasures

- *Luke 12:33 (NKJV) “Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches, nor moth destroys.*
- 1 Tim 6:17-19
- Trust in the living God who blesses us
- Be rich in good works
- A good foundation leading to eternal life

Do Not Be a Hypocrite/Judge

- *Matt 7:1-2 (NKJV) Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*
- *Matt 7:4 (NKJV) “Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me remove the speck from your eye; and look, a plank is in your own eye.*

Do Not Be a Hypocrite/Judge

- We are not to judge others
- We cannot criticize our brethren for things that we are guilty of ourselves
- The blind cannot lead the blind
- God forgives us; we need to forgive others (Luke 6:37)

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

- *Matt 7:7-12*
 - God will give us what we need if we ask, seek, and knock (v8)
 - Ask in prayer (John 14:13-14)
 - Seek Biblical knowledge
 - Look to God's word
 - Golden rule applies (v 12)

Summary

- Find peace with our brother
- Marriage is sacred; vows must be kept
- Honesty a must
- Love one another

Summary

- Be sincere
- Lay up treasures in Heaven
- Do not be a hypocrite
- Ask, seek, and knock for things from God

Summary

- How strong is your spiritual foundation?
 - Is it built on the rock; Christ centered? (Matt 7:24)



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- Is it built on the sand; not Christ centered (Matt 7:26)

