

**Handout from Dr. Glen Stassen's Lectures
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The Fourteen Triads Of The Sermon On The Mount: Matt 5:21-7:12

Traditional Righteousness	Vicious Cycle	Transforming Initiative
1. You shall not kill	Being angry, or saying, You fool!	Go, be reconciled
2. You shall not commit adultery	Looking with lust is adultery in the heart.	Remove the cause of temptation (cf. Mk 9:43ff.)
3. Whoever divorces, give a certificate	Divorcing involves you in adultery	(Be reconciled: I Cor 7:11)
4. You shall not swear falsely	Swearing by anything involves you in a false claim	Let your yes be yes, and your no be no
5. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth	Retaliating violently or revengefully, by evil means	Turn the other cheek Give tunic and cloak Go the second mile Give to beggar & borrower
6. Love neighbor & hate enemy	hating enemies is the same vicious cycle that you see in the Gentiles & tax collectors	Love enemies, pray for your persecutors; be all-inclusive as your Father in heaven is
7. When you give alms,	practicing righteousness for show	but give in secret; your Father will reward you
8. When you pray,	practicing righteousness for show	but pray in secret; your Father will reward you
9. When you pray,	practicing righteousness for show	Therefore pray like this: Our Father....
10. When you fast,	practicing righteousness for show	but dress with joy; your Father will reward you
11. Do not pile up treasures on earth (cf. Luke 12:16-31)	moth & rust destroy, and thieves enter & steal	But pile up treasures in heaven
12. No one can serve two masters	Serving God & wealth, worrying about food & clothes	But seek first God's reign and God's justice/righteousness
13. Do not judge, lest you be judged	Judging others means you'll be judged by same measure	First take the log out of your own eye
14. Do not give holy things to dogs, nor pearls to pigs	They will trample them and tear you to pieces	Give your trust in prayer to your Father in heaven

See Glen Stassen, *Living the Sermon on the Mount* (Jossey-Bass); "The Fourteen Triads of the Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5:2-7:12, *Journal of Biblical Literature* (summer 2003); *Kingdom Ethics*, chapter 6 and following chapters. <http://documents.fuller.edu/sot/faculty/stassen>