

# Ten Christian Guiding Principles

## Take Responsibility, Make No Excuses

Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know."

For God understands all hearts and he sees you.

He who guards your soul knows you knew.

He will repay all people as their actions deserve.

**Proverbs 24:12 NLT**

## Giving Is More Satisfying Than Getting

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard.

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**Acts 20:35 NLT**

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full — pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

**Luke 6:38 NLT**

## Inner Healing Is Greater Than Outward Success

And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

**Mark 7:20-23 NLT**

## Mercy Is Greater Than Justice

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

**Matthew 5:7 NLT**

You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

**Luke 6:36 NLT**

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you.

Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.

**Luke 6:37 NLT**

## Kindness Is Better Than Being Right

Loyalty makes a person attractive.

It is better to be poor than dishonest.

**Proverbs 19:22 NLT**

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things.

**Galatians 5:22-23 NLT**

## Serving Is Better Than Being Served

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Matthew 20:28 NLT**

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

**Hebrews 6:10 NLT**

## God Forgives But People Don't

I have thought deeply about all that goes on here under the sun, where people have the power to hurt each other.

**Ecclesiastes 8:9 NLT**

Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

**Luke 6:28 NLT**

## Prayer Is More Powerful Than Persuasion

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father.

**Ephesians 3:14 NLT**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

**Philippians 4:6 NLT**

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

**James 5:16 NLT**



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## To Live Right And Walk Straight Is The Key

Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

**Proverbs 4:26-27 NLT**

## God Can Use Any Vessel Except For One

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

**2 Timothy 2:21 NLT**

