

Life Outside the Box
Message 6: Dealing with Others
Matthew 5:33-48

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Integrity in Speech

Matthew 5:33-37

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” (NIV)

Deuteronomy 23:21-23

Principle #1: It is better to not make a commitment in the name of the Lord than to make one and not fulfill it. But it is best to make a commitment and fulfill it. That is when God's ultimate blessings come.

Matthew 23:16-22

Proverbs 10:18-22

Principle #2: If we are known to be honest our word will stand on its own!



Be Extra Gracious

Matthew 5:38-42

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.” (NIV)

Deuteronomy 19:16-21

Key Question: Who was this command given to and for what purpose?

Key Truth: The Law was given to ensure appropriate justice. Jesus' commands were directed at the heart of revenge.

Love the un-lovely

Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (NIV)

Key Question: Who is our neighbor and enemy?

Luke 10:25-37

Key Truth: It is essential to embrace all!

