

Assumptions

Matthew 7:1-12

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How to make healthy assumptions:

1. Don't be critical

7:1 "Do not judge lest you be judged.

² "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

³ "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

⁴ "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?"

Romans 2:1 Therefore you are without excuse, every man *of you* who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

³ And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

2. Serve

⁵ "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

1 Corinthians 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

² And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst.

³ For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

⁵ *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*?

⁷ Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹ I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

¹⁰ I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

6:1 Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts?

³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

⁴ If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

⁵ I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

⁶ but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

⁷ Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

⁸ On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that *your* brethren.

3. Discern

⁶ "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Philippians 3:2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

³ for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4. Pray

⁷ "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.

⁸ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

Matthew 6:7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ "Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

⁹ "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

¹⁰ 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ 'Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.'*

5. Trust

- ⁹ "Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone?
¹⁰ "Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?
¹¹ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

- ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.
...²⁶ And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;
²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.
²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;
³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?
³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

6. Love

- ¹² "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.