



The Do's, Don'ts, and Won'ts (Will Nots) of God, #2 ***Balancing The 'do's' And 'don'ts' Of Scripture***

The following Biblical admonishments show how to balance the don'ts with the do's when it comes to our interpersonal relationships:

NOTE: We completed six (6) of the Do's and Don'ts last week. We will now continue that lesson.

Do's

- 7. Do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, live at peace with everyone. (Rom 12:17,18)***
- 8. Accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgment on disputable matters. (Rom. 14:1)***
- 9. Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbor. (Rom. 13:9,10)***
- 10. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Rom. 13:7)***
- 11. Make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. (Rom. 14:19)***
- 12. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Rom. 15:7)***
- 13. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love. (Eph. 5:1)***
- 14. Do something useful with your hands that you may have something to share with those in need. (Eph. 4:28)***
- 15. Put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (Eph. 4:25)***
- 16. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)***
- 17. Speak the truth in love so that you may grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Eph. 4:15,16)***
- 18. As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts. (Col. 3:12-16)***
- 19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3,4)***
- 20. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure. (Phil. 2:14)***
- 21. Warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone. Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances. (I Thes. 5:14-18)***

Don'ts

1. *Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (Rom. 12:3)*
2. *Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.*
3. *Do not be conceited. (Rom. 12:16)*
4. *Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord. (Rom. 12:19)*
5. *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom. 12:21)*
6. *Do not let any debt remain outstanding...(Rom. 13:8,9)*
7. *Do not commit adultery, (Rom. 13:8,9)*
8. *Do not murder, (Rom. 13:8,9)*
9. *Do not steal, (Rom. 13:8,9)*
10. *Do not covet. (Rom. 13:8,9)*
11. *Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. (Rom. 14:15)*
12. *Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil. (Rom. 14:15)*
13. *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.*
14. *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...
Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. (Eph. 4:29-31)*
15. *In your anger do not sin, do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold. (Eph. 4:26)*
16. *Do not live by your sinful desires, they are in conflict with your spiritual nature. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. (Gal. 5:17-21)*
17. *Do not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (Gal. 5:26)*
18. *Do not bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. (Gal. 5:15)*
19. *Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival.. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. (Col. 2:16)*
20. *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*
21. *Do not put out the Spirit's fire... Test everything. Hold on to what is good. Avoid every kind of evil. (I Thes. 5:19-22)*
22. *Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. (2 Tim. 2:23)*

Great things never came from your comfort zone!

- ✓ *God wants to place us in uncomfortable, impossible, unbelievable spots so we will keep our trust in Him!*
- ✓ *Remember, Faith is best spelled I OBEY!*

David didn't defeat Goliath because of his skill. He defeated Goliath because of his faith!

When we get such a living and powerful faith in what God is able to do in our own lives, we have the same possibilities.

We have the same God!

Things God Will Never Do

NOTE: I have often said and written, “Nothing is impossible for God!”

Actually, there are a number of things that are impossible for Him.

I am so enthralled by the wonder and majesty of all God is and the glory of His splendor, I have never seriously thought about the things He will never do. Until now!

1. God Never Makes Mistakes

God will never say, “Oops! Made a mistake there! Let Me try that again!”

Joseph had a 15 year journey through rejection, slavery, and imprisonment. Was this a mistake!

God had given him prophetic dreams of becoming a powerful leader.

As second only to Pharaoh, he embraced his brothers,

*“As for you, **you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.**”*Genesis 50:20

It took 15 years for this steep learning curve Joseph was on. In the prison Joseph:

- learned Egyptian language and culture,
- developed leadership skills,
- allowed God’s Lordship over every area of his life,
- embraced humility over pride,
- chose a lifestyle of continuous forgiveness,
- obtained wisdom for every circumstance,
- allowed perseverance to work godly character in him.

“The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.” Psalms 33:11

It may be difficult to clearly see, but God’s plans for you are always good. Always!

2. God Never Changes

We change clothes, houses, cars, workplaces, hairstyles, and shoes. Quickly and often, we change our minds. Because we live in **constant transition**, it is difficult to believe God never changes.

“Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven’s lights. Unlike them, He never changes or casts shifting shadows” ” James 1:17

We can count on the fact that God never changes, or even shifts His priorities.

“I the Lord do not change.” Malachi 3: 6

3. God Never Has a Negative Thoughts About You

It may be scary but let’s consider the thoughts we think.

Would the list include pride, judgment, rebellion, and discouragement; maybe self-righteousness, self-pity, self-promotion, self-sufficiency...

Maybe we should stop there!

No wonder the bible advises us to take our thoughts captive!

“How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!” Psalm 139:17

Every thought of God originates in His loving, gracious and excellent nature.

4. God Never Stops Loving

Psalm 136. Twenty-six times in twenty-six verses we read,

“His love endures forever.”

Wouldn't you think He is trying to tell us something. Nothing can separate us from His great love.

Paul knew what these verses meant when he penned these words,

“I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Be thoroughly convinced, nothing can separate us from God's unyielding love.

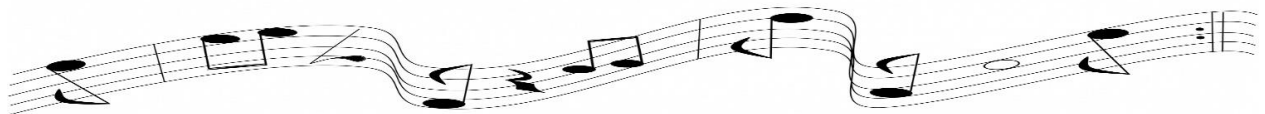
5. God Will Never Let You Go

A favorite verses of many is Hebrews 13:5 AMP:

“I will not in any way fail you nor give you up, nor leave you without support. I will not! No, I will not! I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down, nor relax my hold on you.

Assuredly not!”

I am not the one desperately holding onto His hand; It is He who has a relentless grip on mine. He has no intention of letting go. Assuredly not!



***Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span
At Calvary!***



***The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;***

***It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;***