

1. Admitting when you are wrong

Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.

James 5:16



When we do something wrong, we sometimes try to cover it up or to make excuses and blame someone else. The right thing to do is to admit that we are wrong and to say sorry. It is most important that we admit our sins to God and say sorry to him.

Jesus told a story about a son who left home and behaved badly. When he came to his senses and his need was great, he decided to go back home and tell his father he had sinned. The father welcomed him with open arms. This story shows how God welcomes sinners to himself.



2. Appreciation of others

Outdo one another in showing honour.

Romans 12:10



How often we say "Me first!" We want the first turn, the best seat or the biggest piece of cake. God tells us to think and act differently. You ought to think of:

Jesus	first
Others	next
Yourself	last

If you have Jesus, Others, Yourself in that order that spells out **JOY**.



3. Care about speech

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29



Careless talk can get you into trouble. Gossip or unkind remarks can hurt another person deeply. It is good to stop and think before we speak about somebody. Ask these questions to yourself.

Is it true? Is it necessary?

God hears every word. Make sure that what you say is true, kind, pure and wholesome. Jesus warned us that we have to give an account of every idle word, in the day of judgement (Matthew 12:36).

Our words indicate the state of our heart. Evil words come from an evil heart. Good words should come from a heart changed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

