

International Bible Lesson

Five Applications from Matthew 12:1-14

1. Check your motivation for asking questions about the Bible's teachings. Do you have a real question, or are you being "the devil's advocate," or are you trying to trick someone?
2. When you observe someone's behavior. Do you evaluate their actions according to the Bible's teachings or according to your prejudices or traditions?
3. Be careful not to add or subtract from what the Bible teaches.
4. Learn from both the actions and words of Jesus in how to interpret the Bible.
5. Learn what these words mean and how to apply them today: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes

Begin or close your class by reading the short weekly *International Bible Lesson*.
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