



Good Sam's Compass

Biblical Guidelines that Build and Maintain Relationships

As leaders and volunteers of Good Samaritan Community Covenant Church we recognize, affirm and encourage the following:

1. **Respect:** We seek to value each other as gifts from God and will strive to live and work in respectful relationships, making positive investments in each other's lives. We agree to affirm in public and correct in private, with the persons involved, not with others. *John 13:34, Romans 12:10,18, James 1:19-21*
2. **Love:** We accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation as normal and natural. In this regard, we will seek to deal constructively with disagreements or conflicts by practicing forgiveness and reconciliation. *Colossians 3:13, Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-17*
3. **Trustworthy:** We will maintain relationships of confidentiality in personal and professional matters. *Proverbs 11:12-13*
4. **Self-discipline:** We pursue a lifestyle that gives glory to Jesus Christ in our words, thoughts, actions and relationships. *I Corinthians 6:9-11, II Corinthians 10:5, Ephesians 5:17-20*
5. **Servanthood:** We work together as a team within the parameters of our church ministry's mission, constitution and organization and lead by following the example of Christ. *Matthew 28:19-20, I Thessalonians 5:12-13, Titus 2:7, I Corinthians 11:1*
6. **Character:** We aim to be faithful seekers of the life changing power of Jesus Christ, which transforms the acts of the sinful nature into the fruit of the spirit. *Galatians 5:19-23, II Corinthians 5:17-18*

John 13:34 ³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

Romans 12:10 ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:18 ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

James 1:19-21 ¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

Colossians 3:13 ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Matthew 5:23-24 ²³ "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 18:15-17 ¹⁵ "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. ¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

Proverbs 11:12-13 ¹² It is foolish to belittle one's neighbor; a sensible person keeps quiet. ¹³ A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ⁹ Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. ¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of

2 Corinthians 10:5 ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Ephesians 5:17-20 ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 ¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

Titus 2:7 ⁷ And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.

1 Corinthians 11:1 ¹ And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

Galatians 5:19-23 ¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.