



Part 4: Don't

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Why we don't like to be told *don't*:

Psychological Reason: We don't like to be told *don't* because fundamentally, we resist being controlled.

Biblical Reason: We don't like to be told *don't* because biblically, we all have sinned (Romans 3:23)

Don'ts in the Bible

There are many types of don'ts in Scripture, but the overarching principle we are going to talk about today is when God says *don't be me*.

God is God. I am not.

Some of the Ways We Try to Be God

When God says don't worry

Do not worry about your life.
– Luke 12:22

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.
– Matt 6:25

We don't have to worry because he has created all things and he holds all things together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

What are you worrying about?

When God says don't judge

There is only one lawgiver and one judge. It is God's role to judge, not mine.

Do not judge or you too will be judged.
– Matthew 7:1

Who are you judging? How do you judge yourself?

When God says don't control

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
– Proverbs 3:5-6

God has made the heavens and the earth. Nothing is too hard for God.
(Jeremiah 32:17)

He is the Alpha and the Omega.
(Revelation 21:6)

What are you trying to control?

When God says don't rush

Be still and know that I am God.
– Psalm 46:10

Where are you rushing?

When God says you don't have to be right

Having to be right leads to arrogance

Having to be right leads to judgment

When have you wronged someone by trying to prove that you were right?

Small Group Questions

- 1) What did you do for Labor Day weekend? How do you feel about summer coming to a close and fall beginning?
- 2) Each section of Ways We Try to Be God ends with a question in italics. Discuss these questions one by one.
- 3) How can we pray for your right now and throughout the week?