

**Table 2**  
**The Fourteen Triads of the Sermon on the Mount**

MATTHEW	Traditional Piety	Vicious Cycle	Transforming Initiative
5:21	1. You shall not kill	Being angry, or saying, You fool!	<i>Go, be reconciled</i>
5:27	2. You shall not commit adultery	Looking with lust	<i>Remove the cause of temptation (cf. Mark 9:43ff.)</i>
5:31	3. Whoever divorces, give a certificate	Divorcing involves you in adultery	<i>(Be reconciled: 1 Cor 7:11)</i>
5:33	4. You shall not swear falsely	Swearing by anything involves you in a false claim	Let your yes be yes, and your no be no
5:38	5. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth	Violently/vengefully resisting by evil means	<i>Turn the other cheek Give your tunic and cloak Go the second mile Give to beggar and borrower</i>
5:43	6. Love neighbor and hate enemy	If you love those who love you, what more is that than the Gentiles do?	<i>Love enemies, pray for your persecutors, be all-inclusive as your Father in heaven is</i>
6:2	7. When you give alms	blowing a trumpet like hypocrites	but give in secret, and your Father will reward you
6:5-6 7-13	8. When you pray, 9. When you pray,	making a show like the hypocrites babbling like Gentiles, thinking the wordiness will be heard	but pray in secret, and your Father will reward you <i>Therefore pray like this: Our Father . . .</i>
6:16	10. When you fast,	appearing gloomy to others, like the hypocrites	but dress with joy, and your Father will reward you
6:19	11. <i>Do not pile up treasures on earth (Luke 12:16-31)</i>	<i>Where moth and rust destroy, and thieves enter and steal</i>	<i>But pile up treasures in heaven</i>
6:24	12. <i>No one can serve two masters</i>	<i>You are not able to serve God and wealth, being anxious about food and clothes</i>	<i>But seek first God's reign and God's justice/ righteousness</i>
7:1	13. <i>Do not judge, lest you be judged</i>	<i>By the measure with which you judge, you will be judged</i>	<i>First take the log out of your own eye</i>
7:6-12	14. Do not give holy things to dogs, nor pearls to pigs	They will trample them and tear you to pieces	<i>Give your trust in prayer to your Father in heaven</i>

Italicized items are repeated in the Sermon on the Plain or in other locations indicated in parentheses.

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