Traditional Righteousness	**Vicious Cycle** **(not commands, descriptors)**	**Transforming Initiative** **(commands)**
1. You Shall not Kill	Being angry, or saying, you fool!	*Go be reconciled*
2. You shall not commit adultery	Looking with lust is adultery in the heart	*Remove the cause of temptation (Mk 9:43-50)*
3. Whoever divorces, give a certificate	Divorcing involves you in adultery	(Be reconciled: 1 Cor 7:11)
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. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth	Retaliating violently or revengefully, by evil means	*Turn the other check, give your tunic and cloak, go the second mile, give to beggar and borrower*
6. Love neighbor and hate enemy	Hating enemies is the same vicious cycle that you see in the Gentiles and tax collectors	*Love enemies, pray for your persecutors; be all-inclusive as your Father in heaven is*
7. When you give alms,	Practicing righteousness for show	But give in secret, and your Father will reward you
8. When you pray,	Practicing righteousness for show	But pray in secret, and your Father will reward you
9. When you pray,	Heaping up empty phrases	*Therefore pray like this: Our Father…*
10. When you fast,	Practicing righteousness for show	But dress with joy, and your Father will reward you
11. *Do not pile up treasures on earth* (cf. Luke 12:16-31)	*Moth and rust destroy, and thieves enter and steal*	*But pile up treasures in heaven*
12. No one can serve two masters	*Serving God and wealth, worrying about food and clothes*	*But seek first God's reign and God's justice/righteousness*

13. Do Not Judge, lest you be judged	*Judging others means you'll be judged by the same measure*	*First take the log out of your own eye*
14. Do not give holy things to dogs, nor pearls to pigs	They will trample them and tear you to pieces	*Give your trust in prayer to your Father in heaven*

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