



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Matthew 12:1-8 Application**

1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, followed the will of His Heavenly Father and the leading of the Holy Spirit. When the Law of God, the Holy Scriptures, taught differently, He did not follow the manmade traditions of the Pharisees. Jesus taught by word and example, and so do His disciples.
2. When the Pharisees expected Jesus to uphold their traditions, He explained why the Bible's teachings were not being broken by His disciples. His disciples can explain why they do what they do according to the Bible.
3. Some look for reasons to condemn others, as did the Pharisees. Jesus came demonstrating the mercy of God and looked for ways to bless others. His disciples strive to do as He did while upholding the Law of God, as Jesus did also.
4. Jesus turned to the Scriptures and explained the loving intentions of God when God gave us instructions in the Bible on how to live. As disciples of Jesus, we can seek to learn and explain the loving intentions of God in the Bible's teachings and God's commandments, which He revealed for our God and His glory..
5. God intends for us to show mercy to others rather than condemn others. A ritualistic person may assume that their religious exercises or performances or sacrifices will satisfy God to their benefit no matter how they treat others or seek to condemn others without mercy.

### **Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes**

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