

Demand for Conversion: "Metanoete/ Rethink, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt. 3.2, 4.17).

	Convention	Conversion
1. Social dimension – Relation to people (Mt. 5.21-48)		
a) Action	Observance of commandments <i>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'Thou shalt not kill!'" (Mt 5. 21).</i>	Turning to inner motives <i>"But I say to you...First be reconciled to your brother" (Mt. 5.22-24)</i>
b) Principle	Reciprocity <i>"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Mt. 5.43)</i>	Universal love <i>"But I say to you: Love your enemies" (Mt 5:44)</i>
c) Foundation	Claiming for being "more than others" <i>"And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?" (Mt. 5.47)</i>	Seeking for being "perfect" <i>"You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5.48)</i>
2. Religious dimension – Relation to God (Mt. 6.1-34)		
a) Action	Social orientation <i>"When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others" (Mt 6.2)</i>	Internal orientation <i>"But when you give to the needy, do ... so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Mt 6.3)</i>
b) Principle	Striving for worldly goods <i>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy..." (Mt 6.19)</i>	Striving for spiritual goods <i>"...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys" (Mt. 6.20)</i>
c) Foundation	Purpose of self-preservation <i>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink" (Mt. 6.25).</i>	Purpose of God-seeking <i>"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Mt. 6.33)</i>
3. Psychological dimension – Relation to self (Mt. 7.1-11)		
a) Action	Measuring others <i>"Judge not, that you be not judged" (Mt. 7.1)</i>	Reflection of the measure <i>"For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you." (Mt. 7.2)</i>
b) Principle	False Claim for having the values to measure <i>"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?" (Mt 7.4).</i>	Recognize own lack in values and remedy lack <i>"You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." (Mt. 7.5)</i>
c) Foundation	Skeptical renunciation of values(?) <i>"Do not give dogs what is holy, ... ,lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you" (Mt 7.6)</i>	Realization of divine values by seeking <i>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Mt 7:8)</i>