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The relationship between religiosity and the violation of prison rules was investigated using survey data from a large sample of prison inmates in the United States. It was determined that religiosity and misconduct were not related. Furthermore, group level religiosity did not affect the individual level relationship between religiosity and misconduct.