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## Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Five • Matthew 5:21-26

### Anger That Kills

#### The Road to Exceeding Righteousness

Repent of MURDER without knives and be reconciled to others.

*"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment..." Matthew 5:21-22*

#### Purpose of the Six Antitheses or Contrasts in Matthew 5

- ❖ To expose the PERVERSION of the Scribes' and Pharisees' interpretation of the Law.
- ❖ To allow the true intent of the Law to make us HUMBLE before God.

#### Anger That Kills

### 1. Recognize the DANGER of Anger in the Heart!

#### The Danger of Anger

- What Jewish tradition said: if you MURDER someone you are in danger of the judgment.

*"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' Matthew 5:21*

- What Jesus said: if you are ANGRY with someone you are in danger of the judgment.

*"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:22*

#### Two Objections

Objection #1 "Sure, I get angry, but I would NEVER commit murder!"

Objection #2 "What about JESUS, didn't He get angry?"

### 2. Reconcile with Those Who Are ANGRY with You!

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9  
If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Romans 12:18*

#### Two Illustrations

- The PRIORITY of reconciliation: reconcile first with your "brother" before continuing in worship.

*"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24*

- The URGENCY of reconciliation: reconcile quickly with your "adversary" before going to court.

*"Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny." Matthew 5:25-26*

#### The Heart of the Matter

The command, "You shall not murder" seems so simple. But Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: we must repent of ANGER and be reconciled through His empowering grace.

#### Two Options with My Anger

- ❖ Take it home with you and be DESTROYED by it.

OR

- ❖ Lay it down at the Cross and be FORGIVEN of it.