

SERMON ON THE MOUNT
What's Wrong With My Attitude
Matthew 5:21-26
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What is wrong in having an attitude?

GOD EXPECTS YOU TO LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 NIV

The Pharisees were teaching that you must live up to the law.
Jesus is teaching the original truth all over again.

MURDER KILLS THE BODY, ANGER KILLS THE SOUL

"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell."

Matthew 5:21-22 NAS

When Jesus says 'But I tell you' He is not doing away with the law or adding his own restrictions. Rather He is giving a fuller understanding of why God made that law in the first place.

You can't have an 'attitude of hate' and be loving at the same time.

Anger keeps us from developing a spirit pleasing to God.

The consequence for anger is severe.

ANGER DISRUPTS OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

Broken relationships can hinder our relationship with God.

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. I John 4:20-21 NIV

Jesus calls us to go to the person who is angry with us.

C.H. Spurgeon said, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter."

JESUS WANTS US TO LIVE RECONCILED LIVES

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 5:25-26 NIV

Anger is a prison. Proverbs 25:8-10 LIV

If you want Jesus to help you live up to His command then:

1. Recognize you are a sinner
2. Realize Christ died for you so you could live a righteous life through Him
3. You must repent. That means stop and turn and live the way He wants you to.
4. Receive Him as your Lord and Savior or as your Savior let Him be the Lord of your life
5. Do it publicly
6. Do it now

We can only live righteous lives with Jesus living in us