



“If you continue in My word,  
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

### The Danger of ~~Murder~~ Anger

**Matthew 5:21-22** “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”

In our previous lesson Jesus told us that unless our righteousness was above that of the scribes and Pharisees we would never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In this lesson He begins to explain the higher standard of Heaven’s Kingdom beginning with the sixth commandment, “Thou shalt not kill”. Jesus begins by showing us that the attitudes underlying the action of murder are equally punishable in the sight of God as the actions themselves. What are the underlying attitudes behind the sin of murder?

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If it only mattered whether we actually killed someone or not, most of us would have kept this commandment; but because Jesus raises the standard to deal with the root attitudes we’re all guilty now, aren’t we?

In 1John 3:15 we are told plainly “whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” God says that if we hate our brother we are already a murderer and eternal life is not abiding in us. Do we take this sin seriously enough?

Ecc. 7:9 tells us to not be angry because anger “rests in the bosom of fools”. Why is anger foolish?

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In Matt.5:22 Jesus makes special mention of the tongue as the instrument of murder and the cause of our danger of hellfire. How is it like murder to use our tongues against a fellow human? \_\_\_\_\_

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Eph.4:26-32 exhorts us to not let the sun go down upon our wrath. What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_

How would the beatitudes keep us from the murderous attitudes of anger? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### How Seriously Do You Take Anger?

1. Do you see anger as an eternally dangerous sin or do you make excuses for your anger and justify it?
2. Fathers, do you repent of your anger before your family and ask God to forgive you and change you? (Eph 6:4)
3. Do you use your tongue as a sword to cut and wound others or do you purpose to never allow that to happen? (Prov. 12:18)

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#### Doers of the Word

Has God spoken to me about any anger issues today?

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**Further Study:** Prov 14:29, Prov 16:32, Eccl 7:9, Prov. 22:24,25 Jas 1:19,20, Eph 4:26,31

“...And you shall know The Truth,  
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

