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Lessons From The Sermon On The Mount



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Cure For Conflict

Matthew 5:-17-26



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“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹ So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.



Matthew 5:17-26

20 “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

21 “You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ 22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.



Matthew 5:17-26

23 “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

25 “When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. 26 And if that happens, you surely won’t be free again until you have paid the last penny.





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A term of arrogant contempt, and means "brainless idiot" or "empty-headed fool"





1 John 4:20-21

If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? ²¹ And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.





Proverbs 20:3

Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling.



Realize That Contempt Is A Sin

Matthew 5:22

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Jesus is referring to a kind of brooding, simmering, grudge-holding anger that we refuse to let go of.





Contempt is a sin.





*Treating someone with courtesy
and respect is not hypocritical.
It's holy.*



Realize That Reconciliation Is Your Responsibility

Matthew 5:23-24

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All our efforts to prove that we are religious will be nothing more than exercises in futility if we intentionally leave conflicts with others unresolved.





***"your brother has something against
you."***

***"if you have something against your
brother."***



Realize That Being Reconciled Is Better Than Being Right

Matthew 5:25

When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison.





*When you're in conflict with someone,
regardless of how right you think you
are, remember that being reconciled is
better than being right.*





*As far as the offense goes,
so goes the apology.*



Realize That Being Reconciled Is Better Than Being Right

Romans 12:17-18

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.





*Remember that there is a difference
between reconciliation and groveling.*





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