SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Oreal Teachings From the Orealest Teacher

A LOOK AT MATTHEW 5-7

The Antitheses

"You have heard" "But I say to you"
Jesus shows His authority

Main Point

When it comes to anger, reconcile don't retaliate

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder,[a] and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."

Matthew 5:21 NIV

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 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

"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. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 5:25-26 NIV

Tool 1: Recognize the Problem

"But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

Matthew 5:22 NIV

Tool 1: Recognize the Problem

What our anger causes us to do
Attacking or insulting someone

> Don't let the anger take over your heart

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- ➢ Jesus doesn't like diss tracks
- Anger leads to behavior that doesn't reflect God

- \succ The start of reconciliation
- \succ This is breaking down a wall

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- Take care of issues before entering God's presence
- You have the power to start the reconciliation process

We can't control the outcome
 We can show Jesus by taking the first step of addressing the anger we caused

► Don't wait to address an issue

Tool 3: Urgency

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Tool 3: Urgency

Don't wait to address an issue
Handle it while you still have control
Think about what can happen if you wait

Stock the Toolbox

- ≻ Pray
- ≻ Recognize
- > Act
- ≻ Don't wait