

If Looks Could Kill

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:21-26 –

The Kingdom Standard

“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.” (vs. 20)

1. The Illustration

** Anger: Murder in the Heart*

2. The Application

** Reconciliation: Correcting it Quickly*

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Under what circumstances are angry feelings (and actions) proper and righteous? When are they wrong and dangerous?
3. On the issues of anger/murder, how does Jesus challenge a casual view of what it means to be righteous?
4. How have you been casual in your approach to the sin of anger? How could you take this sin more seriously?
5. Why does reconciliation with a fellow believer take precedence over worshipping God (23-24)?
6. Why would an unforgiving attitude be fatal to worship?
7. Are you surprised that the requirements of God’s law run so deep? How does the gospel give encouragement in light of the demands of the law?
8. How do you typically handle conflict: ignore it, avoid it or pursue reconciliation? What steps could you take to raise the value of reconciliation in your life?

