

The Big Idea: God is concerned about our actions and our attitudes. It matters to him what we do and why we do it.

I. The general principle – right living is a matter of the heart

A. SELF righteousness

1. EXTERNAL
2. LOWERS God’s standard
3. Glorifies SELF
4. UNACCEPTABLE to God

B. GOD’S righteousness

1. INTERNAL
2. FULFILLS
3. Glorifies GOD
4. ACCEPTABLE to God

II. The specific application – in God’s kingdom it’s not only wrong to take a life, it’s also wrong to be angry and lose control. They’re both sin.

A. What is MURDER? vs. 21-22

1. The ACT

2. The ATTITUDE

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B. Dealing with ANGER

1. Admit that unrighteous anger is SIN v. 22

2. RECONCILIATION is important vs. 23-24

3. Reconciliation is URGENT vs. 25-26

- WHAT to do
- WHEN to do it
- WHY do it

4. Realize that God has provided VICTORY over anger

- Anger maybe a warning that something is WRONG
- When angry, a wise person doesn’t ACT or SPEAK
- Learn to overlook MINOR things
- Ask God for His HELP

III. What we take away...

Reconciliation is at the heart of the gospel. Settle matters quickly.