

## But I Say to You: Anger, Lust, Divorce

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**Matt. 5:21** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’  
**22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.  
**23** So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **25** Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. **26** Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. **27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. **31** “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ **32** But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

## Table Discussion Questions:

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1. How has Jesus deepened the law? How does this change your understanding of Christian obedience?
2. What does anger reveal about your heart? How is hatred a failure to keep the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment, “you shall not murder”?
3. What is adultery according to Jesus? What does it mean to truly fulfill the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment, “you shall not commit adultery”?
4. On what ground is divorce permissible according to Jesus? How does even asking the question miss the point of marriage?
5. Jesus came not to abolish the law but to fulfill the law. How has Jesus fulfilled the law in terms of our anger, our lust, and our marital failures?