

**Anger**  
**The Spirit of Murder**  
**Matthew 5:21-26**

**Review:**

- 8 Be Attitudes
  1. Poor in Spirit – \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Mourn – \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Meek – \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness – \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Merciful – \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Pure in Heart – purity \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Peacemaker \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Persecuted because of Righteousness – \_\_\_\_\_

**Resisting the Toxins of Sin**

1. Anger - spirit of murder)
2. Adultery/Lust (spirit of immorality)
3. Divorce - Disregarding the sanctity of marriage (spirit of divorce)
4. Oaths (false commitments)
5. Demanding Justice (spirit of pride or bitterness)
6. Revenge (spirit of retaliation)

**Matthew 5:21-26**

**Checklist Mentality**

- **Matthew 5:17** [ *The Fulfillment of the Law* ] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
- **Matthew 15:15,** Peter said, "**Explain the parable to us**
- **Exodus 20 – The Ten Commandments**
  - You shall have no other gods before <sup>[a]</sup> me.* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not make for yourself an idol* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God* \_\_\_\_\_
  - Remember the Sabbath day* \_\_\_\_\_
  - Honor your father and your mother,* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not murder.* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not commit adultery.* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not steal.* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.* \_\_\_\_\_
  - You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.* \_\_\_\_\_

- **Matthew 19:16-22 (The Checklist Man)**

*The Rich Young Man*

*Jesus replied, "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, 19honor your father and mother, [d] and 'love your neighbor as yourself.' [e]"*

*20"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"*

*21Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

*22When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

**Question: Is it possible to keep the Ten Commandments and still be living in sin?**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 22:34-40**

**Murder/Kill**

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, '**Do not murder,**'<sup>[a]</sup> ....

- 79 Times Murder Appears in the Bible (NIV). 51 OT 28 NT.
- 420 Times Kill appears in the Bible (NIV).
- What was the first time murder appeared in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Last time murder appears? Rev 22:15
- First time Killed appeared in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
- Last time Killed Appeared in the Bible? Rev 19:21
- Numbers 35:18-31
  - 'If a man strikes someone with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall be put to death.
- 2 Sam 3:30,
- Job 24:14,
- Matthew 15:19 ,
- Matthew 19:19,
- Matthew 22:7,
- Matthew 23:31
- Matthew 23:35,
- Mark 7:21,
- Mark 10:19,
- Mark 15:7,
- Luke 18:20,
- Luke 23:19,
- Luke 23:25 1 John 3:12,
- 1 John 3:15
- John 8:43-45 43Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

**Angry/Anger**

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder,<sup>[a]</sup> and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone **who is angry** with his brother<sup>[b]</sup> will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,<sup>[c]</sup> is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

- **Angry appears 116 times in NIV. Anger appears 270 times in NIV.**

**Questions: Is it OK to have anger? Is it OK to get angry?**

**Answers:**

- **We are made in God's Image Genesis 1:26**
- **Even God Gets Angry. Deuteronomy 4:25, Deuteronomy 6:15, Numbers 11:1, 2 Kings 21, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 5:25, Zechariah 7:12, Zechariah 1:2**
- **Even Jesus got angry. Do you recall when? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

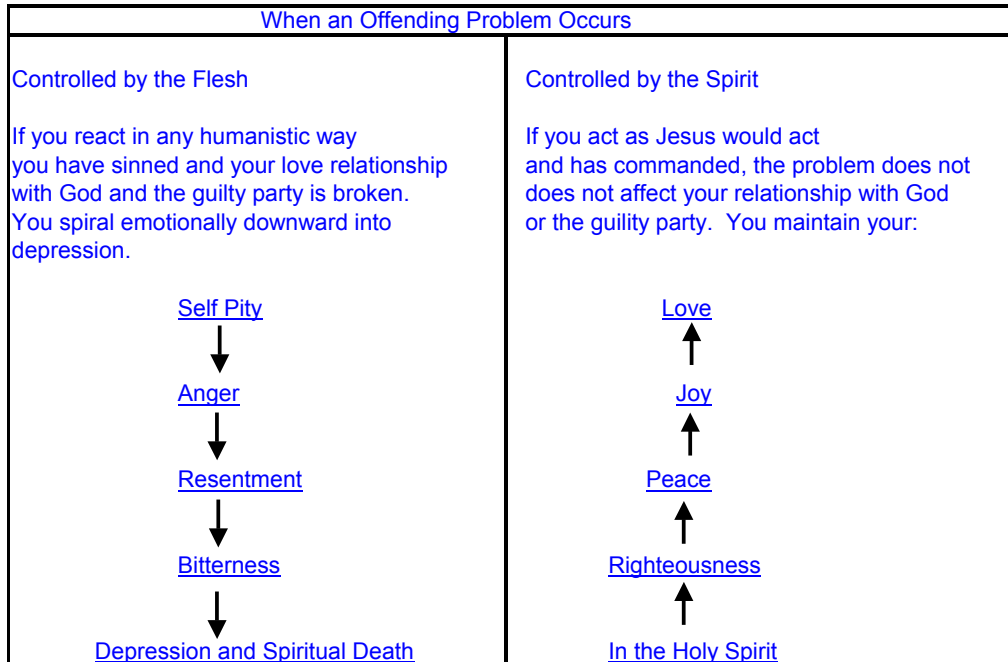
**Question: When is anger sin?**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Jonah 4:1, Jonah 4:4, Jonah 4:9, Romans 2:8
- **Anger toward \_\_\_\_\_, Matthew 5:21**

**Question: Is your anger a response to Offense?**

**Offense**

- What is your response to offense
  - Revenge – getting even
  - Reason – Why did he do that to me?
  - Good Conduct but boiling on the inside.
  - In the spirit of Jesus



### Question: What to do or not to do with your anger?

- **Do not hold on to your anger. Ephesians 4:26**
- **Do not become angry. James 1:19**
- **Get rid of your anger. Ephesians 4:31, Colossians 3:8**
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### Forgiveness

- **What must we do about our sinful response? We must repent and ask for Forgiveness.**

*<sup>23</sup>Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

- **Both Sides of an issue**
  - Wounded Party and the Guilty Party
  - Guilty Party is easy to see. He needs to repent to God and the Wounded Party to be set free from Guilt.
  - Wounded Party uses Criticism, condemnation, and rejection.
  - The sinful reaction to offense is the sin that must be reconciled before you go and offer your gifts to the Lord.

*<sup>25</sup>Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.<sup>[d]</sup>*

- **Matthew 18:21 – How many times must I forgive?**
- **Matthew 18:35** "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."
- **Matthew 26:28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- **Mark 11:25** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."
- **Luke 6:37** [ Judging Others ] "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
- **Luke 17:3** So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.
- **Luke 17:4** If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

### Summary

- **Anger / the spirit of murder is the first negative activity (Toxins of Sin) of six.**
- **Just saying I have not murdered is not enough.**
- **Anger is a condition of the heart. Even if you have not murdered, do you hold anger in your heart?**
- **Your anger should be directed at sin not a person.**
- **If your anger is directed at a person, you should quickly repent and ask for forgiveness. Solve matters quickly with your accuser.**
- **Your anger should not be born out of your own selfishness.**
- **If you are responding in anger to an injustice that goes against the will of God, then your anger should lead you to action/change.**
- **Your anger should only last a moment. Do not let the sun go down and with anger still in your heart.**