

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

Thou shalt not kill. **Exodus 20:13 KJV**

Do not murder. **Exodus 20:13 CSB**

Point #1: Murder Begins in the Heart

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, **Do not murder**, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. ²² But I tell you, **everyone** who is **angry** with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever **insults** his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, ‘**You fool!**’ will be subject to **hellfire**.” **Matthew 5:21-22 CSB**

Point #2: Mini Acts of Murder

1. Anger Is Dangerous

Human anger is the first stop on the line to murder, and to the Holy God, a step toward a sin is as bad as the sin itself.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness. **James 1:19-20 CSB**

Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. **1 John 3:15 CSB**

Hatred means that you have not just given into ANGER but you feed it and help it grow.

Point #3: Pride Causes Murder

2. **Pride goes before destruction**, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. **Proverbs 16:18 NASB**

²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. [...murderer from the beginning... John 8:44] **Ephesians 4:26-27 ESV**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **Ephesians 4:31 ESV**

How to Deal with Anger

²³ So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you’re on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny. **Matthew 5:23-26 CSB**

Point #4: Let Us Die Instead of Murder

So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Romans 6:11 CSB**
Die to self (Flatline)

A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. **John 10:10 CSB**

¹⁴ “For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. ¹⁵ But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.” **Matthew 6:14-15 CSB**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Matthew 5:9 CSB