

If looks could kill, I would.....
(How Jesus corrects our anger danger)
Matthew 5:21-26

Religious righteousness thinks keeping the law is _____.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

Real righteousness knows our _____ is the real _____ that God judges.

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

This anger is the slow, introspective anger; the anger we nurse to keep alive, that plots to get even, to get back.

"Of the seven deadly sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back; in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that you are wolfing down yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you."

Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*

What is an anger that is "*without cause*"?

Matthew 23:17 "*You blind fools...*"

Are you "*subject to judgment*"?

Stop calling your brother names!

Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Name calling is involved in _____% of murders in the United States.

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but ugly words _____ hurt me."

"Raca" means _____.

"Fool" means _____.

Before you make an offering to God, be reconciled with the person you _____.

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

Be reconciled means:

- a. Convince them that you are _____.
- b. Prove that they are _____.
- c. Change your _____ and let it _____.

"As far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." **Romans 12:18**

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. James 1:19, 20

Before God judges you, judge _____ and settle out of court.

“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. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats and drinks of the cup....But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. **1 Corinthians 11:27, 28, 31**

Real righteousness

surpasses

Religious righteousness

_____ genuine peace

_____ unresolved anger