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Matthew 5:17-48

Jesus said in Matthew 15:19 that "from the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies." But He came to repair our broken hearts and make them new!

I. Don't Murder - Don't Be Angry vs. 21-26; Ephesians 4:26

Your anger towards others creates a barrier between you and God.

II. Don't commit adultery - Don't lust vs. 27-30

Separate yourself from the person or thing that causes you to have unholy, unrighteous, impure sexual thoughts or desires.

III. Divorce Due to Hardened Hearts - Divorce Censured vs. 31-32; Mark 10:5

Moses permission of divorce was not intended to condone the practice. Rather, it was part of God's accommodation to His sinful people.

Don't think that we are the best church in our community but, that we are the best church for our community.

IV. Don't Break Oaths - Be Honest vs. 33-37

A Believer's testimony is only as good as his/her word.

V. Retribution for Wrongs - Give Grace vs. 38-42

The grace we give those who hurt us should be commensurate with the grace we've received from the one we hurt.

VI. Hate Your Enemies - Love Your Enemies vs. 43-48

Romans 5:8 "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

God's love for us enables us to love the unlovable.