

Keys to the Kingdom!

Part I - Controlling Anger

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Text: Matt 5:20 (ESV)

Supporting Scriptures

Matt 5:21-26 (TPT)

Ecc1 7:9 (NLT)

Eph 4:26-27 (TPT)

James 1:19-20 (TPT)

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)



Matthew 5:20 (ESV)

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT)

21“You’re familiar with the commandment that the older generation was taught, ‘Do not murder or you will be judged.’ **22**But I’m telling you, if you hold anger in your heart toward a fellow believer, you are subject to judgment.



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT) (continued)

And whoever demeans and insults a fellow believer is answerable to the congregation. And whoever calls down curses upon a fellow believer is in danger of being sent to a fiery hell.



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT) (continued)

23“So then, if you are presenting a gift before the altar in the temple and suddenly you remember a quarrel you have with a fellow believer,



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT) (continued)

²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar and go at once to apologize with the one who is offended. Then, after you have reconciled, come to the altar and present your gift.



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT) (continued)

25It is always better to come to terms with the one who wants to sue you before you go to trial, or you may be found guilty by the judge, and he will hand you over to the officers, who will throw you into prison.

26Believe me, you won't get out of prison until you have paid the full amount!"



Matthew 5:21-26 (TPT) (continued)

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Ecclesiastics 7:9 (NLT)

Control your temper, for anger labels you a fool.



Ephesians 4:26-27 (TPT)

²⁶But don't let the passion of your emotions lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge, not for even a day. ²⁷Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you!



James 1:19-20 (TPT)

19My dearest brothers and sisters, take this to heart: Be quick to listen, but slow to speak. And be slow to become angry, **20**for human anger is never a legitimate tool to promote God's righteous purpose.



Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)

A gentle answer deflects anger, but
harsh words make tempers flare.

