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New Message Series: "What Matters Most"

Today's Talk: Straight Talk About Relationships

Proverbs 11:21-23

Colossians 4:4-6

1. Reviewing Radical Righteousness

Matthew 5:20 Job 23:6, 11

Review:

- 1) The righteousness Jesus was talking about exposed religious leaders who were concerned with only external show and not internal attitudes.
- 2) Gods Word: Tells us we are to change both our attitudes and actions thru Holy Spirit power.

Galatians 5:25

Ephesians 4:30

2. Jesus' Radical Call to Righteousness

Matthew 5:21

Notice: Jesus puts His own words on equal footing with O.T. Scripture.

⇒ Jesus also claimed to be God in at least 12 different ways thru His ministry on earth.

Matthew 7:28,29

Jesus' Warning In Our Relationships:

- 1) Murder By Human Hand

Matthew 5:21

Numbers 35:30,31

Genesis 9:6

However: The Pharisees understanding of God's Word extended only to the act of murder, not to the attitudes that led to murder.

- 2) Murder In The Heart

Matthew 5:22

Three ways of murder in the Heart:

- 1) **Anger:** 2 GK words — 1. "thymos" - a flash of anger—it burns quickly and is gone. 2. "orge" - it's slow-building, long-lasting, broods thoughts of revenge.

- 2) **Insults**

Matthew 5:22

Aramaic — "raca" - good for nothing, literally "empty", expresses contempt for a person.

⇒ When we curse somebody — we are cursing someone made in God's image.

Hebrews 12:15

James 3:8-10

- 3) **"You Fool!"**

⇒ Whoever says, "You Fool," "shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell." (Matthew 5:22)

GK Word: "mores" - aimed at a person's character, calls one a moral reprobate.

Note: Jesus wasn't saying those who practice this will go to hell, but this kind of anger that hurts and defames others - "makes us guilty enough to be sent to hell."

Jesus' Righteous Anger - "An anger of love, one that wishes no one evil, one that is friendly to the person but hostile to the sin." ~Luther

Next Week: Straight Talk About Relationships, Pt 2