

## Murder

(In the mind and on the tongue.)

*Matt 5:21-22 NIV*

*21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. 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.*

*2 Cor 12:20 NIV*

*For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.*

*Gal 5:19-21 NIV*

*19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*Eph 4:26-28 NIV*

*26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.*

*Eph 4:31 NIV*

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

*Col 3:8 NIV*

*But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

*1 Tim 2:8 NIV*

*I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.*

*James 1:19-21 NIV*

*19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*

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It appears that the New Testament teaches that anytime we become angry with another without a Godly cause and motive, we will treat that person with contempt and in some way "assassinate" their character.

**How we think about another will ultimately be played out in our words and actions toward them!**

Generally we become angry for one of three reasons:

1) someone hurt our feelings, 2) someone violated our rights, 3) someone interrupted our schedule.

Godly anger is controlled, directed at sinful behaviors, and always has as its purpose the restoration of the person to fellowship with God and others. The anger of man (ungodly anger) is unrestrained, directed at other people, and is always for the purpose of hurting another.

