

DON'T LET ANGER DEFINE YOU
Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5:21-24; 38-41
Pastor Matt Raible - May 25, 2025

Matthew 5:21-22 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Matthew 5:23-24 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 5:38-39 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”

Matthew 5:40-41 “And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.”

The antidote to anger: A correct understanding of

John 10:30 (Jesus) “I and the Father are one.”

“Our identity and standing does not hang in the balance to be determined by whether we ‘win’ the conflict.” -Gavin Ortlund

Ephesians 4:26-27 “And ‘don’t sin by letting anger control you.’ Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”

Matthew 7:24-25 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

Colossians 2:6-7 “And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

Colossians 3:8-10 “But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.”