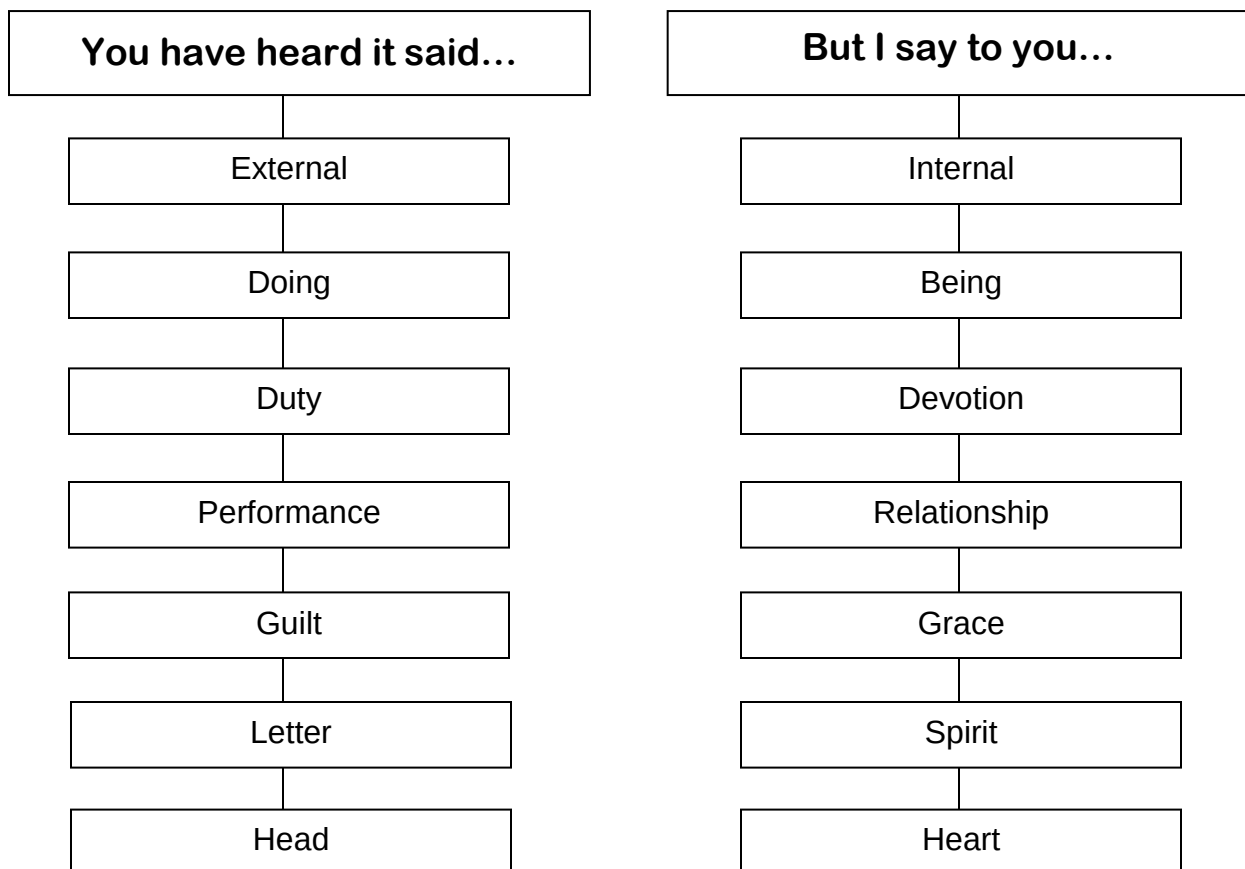


“Thou shall not kill.”

Matthew 5 overview

5:3-12	The characteristics of His true followers and their promised rewards
5:13-16	Salt and light: The movement's strategy
5:17-20	Relationship of this new teaching to the Law of Moses

True righteousness (Matthew 5:20)



Topic #1 - The 6th Commandment

Two words: _____

One purpose: _____

The current Interpretation

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’”

Matthew 5:21

The prohibition: No murder by _____.

Jesus’ authoritative interpretation

“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.”

Matthew 5:22

The prohibition:

- No murder by _____
- No murder by _____

Summary: All three prohibitions constitute _____ in God’s eyes.

Jesus' application - Two parables

- **The parable of priority**

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

The principle: Right _____ trump religious requirements every time.

- **The parable of urgency**

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

Matthew 5:25-26

The principle: Delayed _____ will result in dire consequences.

Thoughts to ponder*

"Bitterness always feels justified."

"Bitterness creates an illusion of control and power."

"When we embrace bitterness we reject grace."

"Remember the good, and the good will grow."

* From Stand Against the Wind by Erwin McManus

Steps to humble bridge-building:

1. Do you have anger, bitterness, or resentment toward anyone, past or present?
2. Have you murdered anyone in your heart or with your lips?
3. Will you confess this sin right now and receive God's full forgiveness?
4. Can you think of anyone who might feel angry or resentful towards you? Will you commit to make that relationship right "as far as it depends on you"?
5. Will you STOP and thank God for His love and kindness and blessings in your life right now?

O Lord, You are so good, so ready to forgive,
so full of unfailing love for all who ask for Your help.

Psalm 86:5