

The Greatest Sermon Ever Given Killer Relationships

Matthew 5:21-26 (blue Bible page 959)

1) Death by uncontrolled anger

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

An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:22

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

2) Death by uncensored communication

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. verse 22b

3) Death by unresolved conflict

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. "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. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny verses 23-26

1. Take responsibility for conflict

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you.

2. Take responsibility for your mistake.

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house." Luke 19:8,9