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# RADICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

MATTHEW 5:21-26

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## I. The Surface Prohibition – 5:21

*“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’”*

A. This is from the Ten Commandments – Ex. 20:13

B. Jesus addresses this because we think we haven’t murdered anyone.

## II. The Internal Application– 5:22-26

*“But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”*

A. The Authority of Jesus – 5:22

## B. The Application of Jesus – 5:23-26

1. Be reconciled before you worship.
2. Quickly settle matters of dispute