

Text: Matt. 5:21-26
Jesus corrects the misrepresentations of the Law.
God has always been concerned about our hearts.

 Jesus understands things on a deeper level.

- First century people/21<sup>st</sup> century people.
  Human beings often dilute God's teachings.
- We rationalize behaviors.
- As long as we don't actually commit the sin. That's not what JESUS SAYS!!

As Christians we have a special calling! What a privilege it is to represent God!

• DANGER! DANGER! DANGER! Jesus discusses the dangerous and destructive nature of anger. • What is anger? "Abhorence; violent passion, vengeance, wrath, indignation" It is associated with the dark side. • "Beware of the dark side: anger fear, aggression." (Yoda)

• Way before Yoda, Jesus and the writers of the Bible tuned us on to this fact.

The Bible describes anger as.....
A work of the flesh- Gal. 5:20
The remnants of the old man- Col. 3:8
Condemnable sin- Matt. 5:22

•To what does anger lead? • Strife- Prov. 29:22 (II Cor. 12:20) • Unkindness- Eph. 4:30-31 Hard hearts- Eph. 4:30-31 Unforgiving spirit- Eph. 4:30-31 Murder- Matt. 5:21 Unrighteousness- James 1:20