

Bible Study Outline

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The Actions Behind Your Attitude

Background Scriptures:

Matthew 5:17-18, 21-22, 27-28, 31-35, 38-39, 43-44

- I. Introduction/Biblical Background
 - II. The Law's Fulfillment (*Matthew 5:17-18*)
 - A. What happens when you do the opposite of what people expect?
 - III. The New Definition for Murder (*Matthew 5:21-22*)
 - A. Who benefits more from an apology and why?
 - IV. The Lust of the Flesh Revealed (*Matthew 5:27-28*)
 - A. Consider then temptations most difficult to resist. How can we overcome them?
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V. The Law Perfected Further (Matthew 5:31-35)

- A. When is divorce sanctioned out of God's Will?
- B. Reflection: Why is the divorce rate so high among Christians today?
- C. According to God's word, is a loan binding? (Credit cards, auto, home, etc). Does a Christian have an obligation to repay the loan under all circumstances?
- D. What did Jesus tell us to do in Mark 12:17?

VI. Forgiveness Illustrated (Matthew 5:38-39)

- A. What is known as the '*Law of Retaliation*'?
- B. Is it possible to be at peace in a hostile environment? How?

VII. Conclusion:

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
