

Title: Kingdom Passion

Text: Matthew 5:21-26

Target: To understand that every one of us has an “anger issue” at some level revealing at times the worst part of who we are, but the difference between the “management of anger” and “anger management” is found in changing the order in which we process disappointment.

I. **The Standard of the Law** (Vs. 21): “*You have heard that it was said to those of old.*”

A. **Recognize God’s Authority:** “*You shall not murder;*”

B. **Realize Man’s Accountability:** “*and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.*”

II. **The Spirit of the Law** (Vs. 22): “*But I say to you to you that*”

A. **Cause of ANGER:** “*everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement;*”

B. **Choice of ANGER:** “*whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council.*”

C. **Consequences of ANGER:** “*whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire*”

D. **Controlling ANGER: (Know your Triggers)**

1. **Recognize the Situations that cause ANGER**

a) **Have Self Awareness**

b) **Know the Spirit’s Abundance**

2. **Regard the Sequence in ANGER**

a) **Define the Default**

b) **Detail the Damage**

c) **Disrupt the Descent**

III. **The Submission to the Law** (Vs. 23-26): “*So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,*”

A. **Requires Humility:**

1. **Leave your Gift:** “*leave your gift there before the altar and go.*”

2. **Offer your Gift:** “*First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*”

B. **Respond Hastily:** “*Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.*”

Take Away: The emotion of anger is a God given indicator revealing what is truly most important about our lives. Let’s focus moments of our anger towards what produces righteousness verses what is unrighteous.