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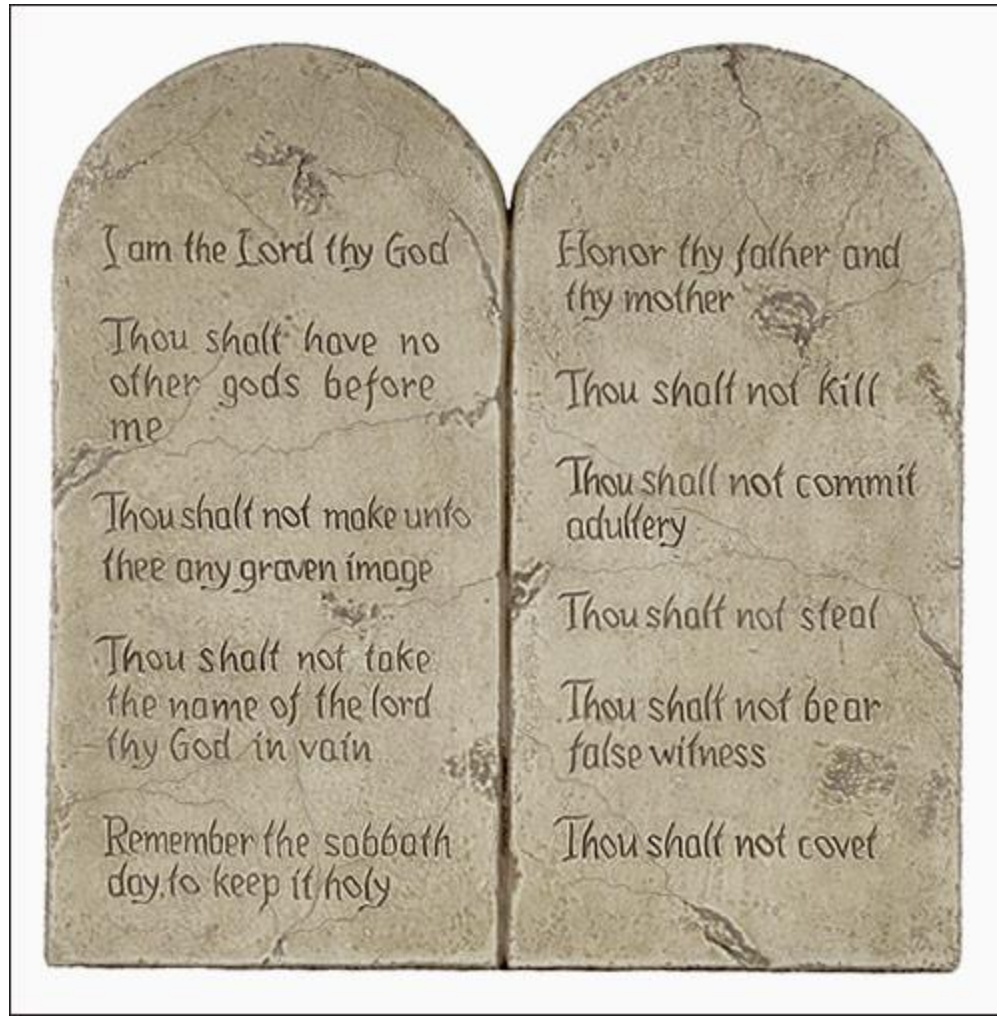
MATTHEW 5-7

Part 2 Matthew 5:21-32



Kingdom Manifesto

The Commandments explained and applied to the heart?



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. Matthew 5:17



You have heard that it was said,
..... but I tell you

Who said it ?

**Jesus' aim is to correctly
apply God's word,
He is NOT going to
contradict or alter it.**

**He shows us that the
commands are far-reaching in
their application**

You have heard that it was said,
..... but I tell you

Even “**little things**”
can lead to



big disasters

3 examples of small slips leading to big falls

- 1. how murder starts**
- 2. how adultery starts**
- 3. divorce is a serious matter**

All of these examples are dealing with how we treat other people.

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.

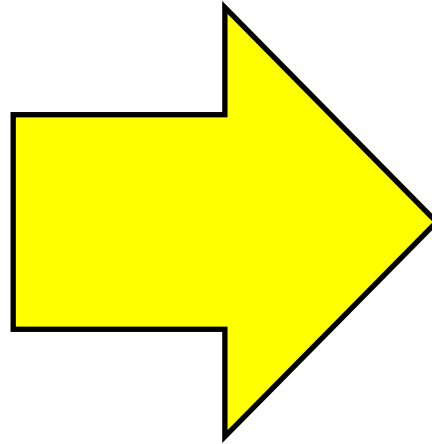
Matthew 5:21 ..



This

can lead to

this



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.

Raca = you stupid idiot !

Fool = you nasty waste of space !



Another result of this



**Your worship is hindered
if you're not right with your brother!**



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.

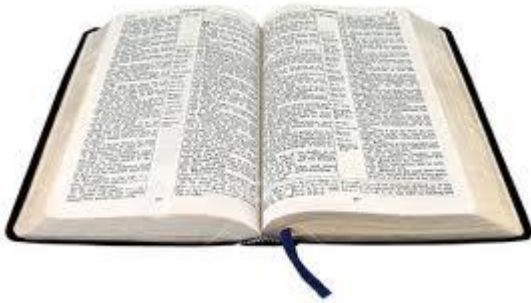


Religious activity is no substitute for repairing a broken relationship

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.

You don't have much time
Do it before it's too late





The 7th commandment

You have heard that it was said,
`Do not commit adultery.



But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

This can lead to **this**



Appreciation, admiration

You can thank God for beauty !

BUT

Lust is different



If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

The things you look at

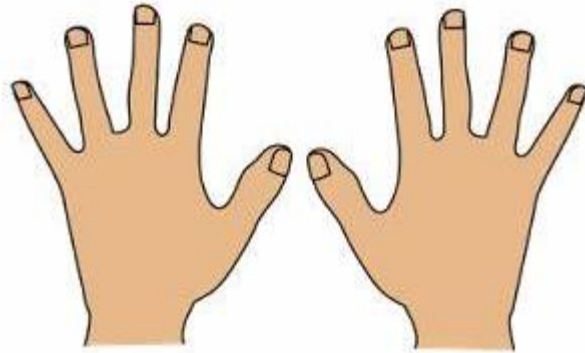


can have terrible consequences



And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

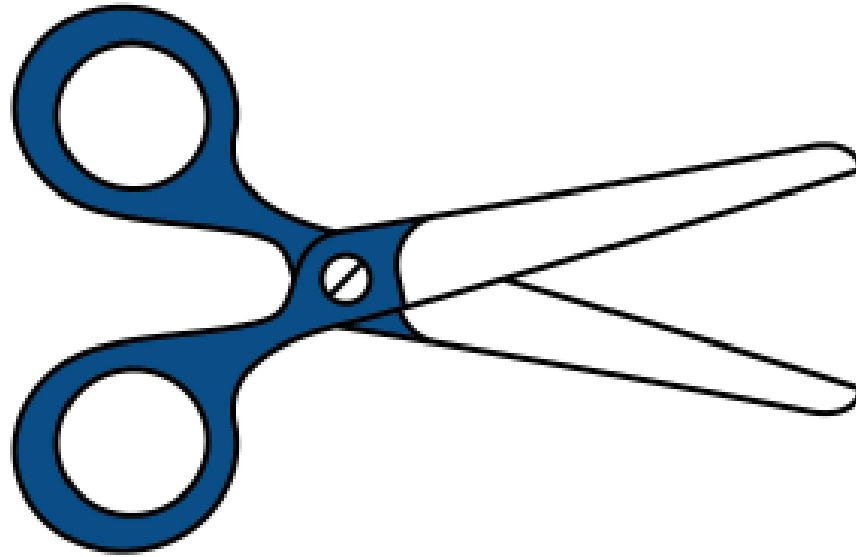
The things you do



can have terrible consequences

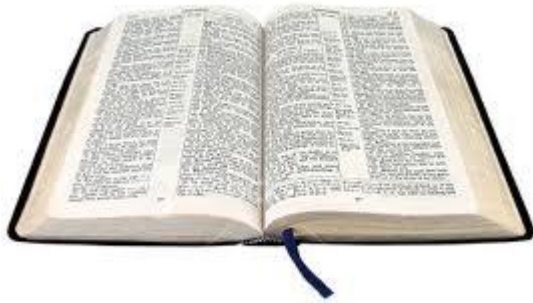


This is NOT about self harm



*Hyperbole makes the point stronger
It's better to "cut it out" than destroy yourself*

Cut it out !!!



The 7th commandment
applied further

It has been said, `Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.`



But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

This was leading to **this**



Jesus is criticising “divorce on trivial grounds”

Freedom !

Jesus' teaching demands a response

Jesus said,

**"If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free. "**

John 8: 31 -32