

NIV **Matthew 5 – Part 2** (Matt 5:17 – 6:4)

PRACTICING TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ "You have heard

that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

RECONCILIATION

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you,

you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I tell you that anyone

who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in

his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, 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.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to

stumble, 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.³¹ "It has been said,

'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'

³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual

immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a

divorced woman commits adultery.³³ "Again, you have heard that it was

said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord

the vows you have made.'³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all:

either by heaven, for it is God's throne;³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his

footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.³⁶ And do not

swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes

from the evil one.³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and

tooth for tooth.'³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps

you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.⁴⁰ And if anyone

wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.⁴¹ If

anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.⁴² Give to the

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one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to

borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor

and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for

those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in

heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain

on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you,

what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And

if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?

Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly

Father is perfect. **Matt 6** ¹ "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in

front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from

your Father in heaven. ² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce

it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets,

to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in

full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what

your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your

Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

ENEMIES

SECRETLY - GIVING