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Lesson 4

Personal Relationships - Matthew 5:21-26

- 1. Jesus equates anger with murder in this section. How jarring would this concept have been to the audience? Does this idea seem extreme today?**
- 2. What is the difference between the root of a plant and the fruit of a plant?**
- 3. There are four categories of anger: Word, Thought, Attitude, Action. What are some different examples of anger that we observe today from these categories?**
- 4. Is there a difference between righteous and unrighteous anger? Is it possible to be angry without sinning (Eph. 4:26)? What is the difference?**
- 5. Why do you think Jesus started this section of His teaching with anger? (Instead of: Lust, Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Loving your Enemies)**
- 6. In Matthew 5:23-24 what is Jesus saying is more important than sacrifice? How would the Pharisees have responded to hearing this revelation?**

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7. What is the application for us today to verses 23 & 24?

8. The original listeners of this lesson likely would have thought: "I don't murder... so I'm good! Next." Is that our mindset today? What is wrong with checklist obedience? Do you think this is a mindset we struggle with today as Christians?