

Because I Said So

"Don't Kill People"

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Rule #6

Exodus 20¹³ You must not murder

Easy Understanding

- I shouldn't murder people
- I should appreciate the value of life

Why? (Being Abel to Live)

Genesis 4:1-16 (pg 5 in SCC Bibles)

What led to Abel's death...

- Lack of Emotional Control
- Misplaced Value of Self
- Holding on to resentment

Deeper Meaning

Matthew 5:21-24 (pg 579-580 in SCC Bibles)

Murder is equal to....

- Anger without cause
- Attacking a person, not a problem
- Cursing or wishing someone harm

Unresolved anger leads to a disconnect from God

Do I have anger toward anyone? Do I need to make amends?

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Questions

1. How would the world define "murder"? How do I define it?
2. What is Jesus' view on "murder"?
3. When was the last time I was angry at someone? Was there a justifiable reason for that anger? Is there such a thing as acceptable anger?
4. Why does Jesus associate anger and personal attacks with murder?
5. How do I feel when I am on the receiving end of anger or personal attacks?

Scripture

Read Matthew 5:21-24

- How do these verses change the way I view anger?
- How can we monitor our thoughts so that we are not guilty of "murder" in our mind?

Application

- Have I been guilty of "murder" in my mind? What are the things that put me in this mindset?
- Do I need to make restitution with another person because of my thoughts?