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**Text: Matthew 5**

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**1. Religious Philosophies  
and Teachings Aren't(!)  
the Scriptures (*v 21*)**

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**5:21 “You have heard that it was  
said to those of old, ‘You shall not  
murder; and whoever murders will  
be liable to judgment.’**

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**2. Hate-filled, Unforgiving,  
Destructive Anger =  
Spiritual Murder (*v* 22)**

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**22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.**

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**3. Reconciliation is Always  
Desirable (But Not Always  
Possible) (*v 23-24*)**

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**23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,**

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**24 leave your gift there before  
the altar and go. First be  
reconciled to your brother, and  
then come and offer your gift.**



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**4. Jesus’ Contemporary Court  
Example Demonstrates the  
Sinner’s Need to be Pardoned  
from Guilt (*v* 25-26)**

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**25 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.**

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**26 Truly, I say to you, you  
will never get out until you  
have paid the last penny.**

A close-up photograph of a lit matchstick. The matchstick is positioned vertically in the lower center of the frame. The flame is large and bright, with a yellow-orange core and a blue outer layer. The background is dark, making the flame stand out prominently. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Proverbs 15:1**