Matthew 5:21-26
Study Guide – Reference Verses

Word of God is ETERNAL

<u>Isaiah 40:6-8</u> The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

<u>Matthew 4:4</u> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Judgement for murder

Exodus 21:12-14 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.

But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die."

It has always been about the heart

<u>Matthew 15:7-9</u> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.'"

<u>1 Samuel 16:7</u> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have ^[c]refused him. For ^[d] the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Words ARE powerful

<u>Proverbs 18:21</u> Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

<u>Matthew 12:34</u> Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

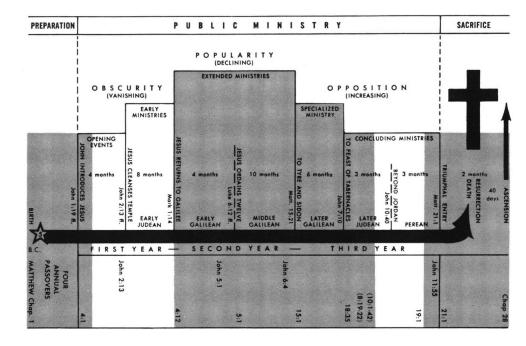
<u>Matthew 15:11</u> Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

Be willing to be wronged

1 Corinthians 6:1-7 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before

unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

<u>2 Corinthians 5:20-21</u> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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