

RESPECTING LIFE

Values That Motivate - Part 7

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Exodus 20:13 (TEV) "*Do not commit murder.*"

THIS COMMAND IS NOT ABOUT...

- Σ Killing animals. (Genesis 9:3)
- Σ Capital punishment. (Leviticus 24:17-18)
- Σ Enforcing peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:8b)
- Σ Accidental killing. (Numbers 35:11)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MURDER...

1. It _____ into God's business.

- Σ God controls the _____ of human life.

Genesis 1:27 (NCV) "*So God created human beings in His image. In the image of God He created them. He created them male and female.*"

- Σ God controls the _____ of human life.

Psalms 139:16b (NIV) "*All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.*"

2. It _____ a human life.

This command prohibits...

- Σ _____ Murder

Genesis 4:8 (NIV) "*Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*"

- Σ _____ Murder

Job 14:5 (NLT) "*You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer.*"

- Σ _____ Murder

Job 12:10 (NLT) *“For the life of every living thing is in His hand, and the breath of all humanity.”*

Psalms 139:13, 15-16a (TEV) *“You created every part of me; You put me together in my mother’s womb.”¹⁵ When my bones were being formed... when I was growing there in secret, You knew that I was there—¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.”*

WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS ...

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV) *“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.”*

At the root of murder is _____.

James 1:19-20 (NIV) *“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,²⁰ for our anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.”*

1 John 3:15 (CEV) *“If you hate each other, you are murderers, and we know that murderers do not have eternal life.”*

It is _____ to love God and hate someone else at the same time.

Matthew 5:23-24 (CEV) *“So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God.”*

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*