

Authority and Accountability

²¹“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’

²²But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!

If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court.

And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of Hell.

Matthew 5:21-22

Exodus 20:13, You shall not...

1. 21a, 22a “but I say...”

..... has authority over me.

Matthew 28:18, All authority...

Ephesians 1:20-21, Christ has been...

..... have authority over me.

Romans 13:1-2, Everyone must...

... have authority over me.

Joshua 24:14-15, choose today...

Psalms 25:12, He will... they should...

2. 21b “Do not...”

My actions should be for benefit.

Matthew 22:37-39, as yourself.

My actions should be for benefit.

Galatians 6:2, heavy burdens

Romans 15:1-2, to build them up

My actions should be for benefit.

Revelation 22:12, reward

3. 21b-22 “subject to...”

I am accountable for my

Luke 6:45, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 15:18

I am accountable for my

Matt.12:36-37, Rom.10:9, Prov.18:21, Eph.4:29

I am accountable for my actions.

Matthew 16:27, 2 Corinthians 5:10

I am accountable to Jesus.

Romans 14:12, John 5:22

My prayer priorities for this week

S 16 Joan J

M 17 Lyn K

T 18 Elsie & Bert

W 19 Our internet viewers. Home Gp, 7:30

T 20 Karen & Hung

F 21 Vi-Lay L

S 22 Alison & Richard

S 23 Mary P. After church Go Deeper.

Questions for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What is your response when you are confronted by a really angry person?
2. Why do you think killing seems so acceptable in all entertainment media; but list some reasons why murder is bad for everyone involved
3. Jesus suggests that the same penalty should apply for bad-mouthing as for murder. In what ways are those two crimes similar?
4. Criminal psychologist, Dr Julia Shaw, said ‘Most murders are not premeditated but are the result of a loss of temper.’ Is that a good legal defence?
5. Jesus once became angry, Mark 3:5. Why was He angry, and how did He handle it?
6. What ‘Anger Management’ strategies do you find in Ephesians 4:26-27 and James 1:19-20?

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