

"Who Me, Kill Somebody," Never!

Ex. 20:13, Deut. 5:17, Matt. 5:21-22, 1 Jn. 3:14-15

What causes someone to murder someone else: - heart

- Anger – action, reaction
- Hate – attitude, disposition
- Evil desires/Jealousy (James 4:1-2)

How do we murder people today in the church:

- Refusing to forgive people. (Matt. 5:22a, Rom. 12:17-20)
- Personally attacking. (Matt. 5:22b)
- Ignoring people.
- Speaking ill of people, whether in person or online. (Prov. 6:19, James 3:5-12, 2 Thess. 3:11, 1 Tim. 5:11-13) - Influencing others
- Refusing to see their good and your bad. (Matt. 7:3-5)

Process to loving, not murdering one another:

- Admit we are all subject to this problem, given the right set of circumstances. (Gal. 6:1)
- Take note of how you treat those that have mistreated you.
- Take note of how you speak about those that have spoken badly about you.
- Compare your findings with the Word of God.
- Repent of your wrongdoing and ask the people you have offended for forgiveness.
- If possible, reconcile the wrongdoing.
- Pray for God's Spirit to fill and empower you so you can truly change your thoughts and behavior.
- Personally resolve to change your reaction to adversity no matter how hard it is.
- Pray for, not slay, your future offenders. (Matt. 5:43-47)

Points to Ponder:

- It's not just their actions that offend, it's yours as well, so watch what you do!
- It's not just their words that offend it's yours as well, so watch what you say!
- It's not just you that need forgiveness, but them as well, so forgive them!
- It's not just you that needs to be loved, but them as well, so love them with the love of Christ!
- It's not just for you that Christ died, but for them as well, so tell them!