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NEXT STEPS



Surprise The World "Kingdom Hearts" Matthew 5:21–32

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. It is to manage external behaviors (e.g., "I didn't lose my temper publicly") while ignoring internal toxins like bitterness or resentment. In what subtle ways do we as modern Christians tend to "manage symptoms" to look good on the outside rather than inviting God to transform our hearts?
2. Jesus suggests dropping everything, even during a religious service, to go and reconcile with someone who has something against us. Why is seeking reconciliation so difficult, and what does it cost our pride to prioritize peace over "winning" an argument or proving ourselves right?
3. There is a difference between lust being a fleeting, natural reaction and actively dwelling on or cultivating those thoughts. How can we practically guard our minds and imaginations in a culture that constantly encourages us to indulge every desire?
4. Jesus addresses how people, especially vulnerable individuals, can be reduced to objects for personal convenience or gratification. How can you better reflect the Kingdom value of viewing every person as an image-bearer of God who deserves dignity, care, and honor?
5. Jesus directs these commands directly at the individual ("if your eye causes you to sin," "if you are at the altar") rather than giving us a checklist to evaluate others. What is one area of your internal life right now where you feel challenged to stop looking at "those people out there" and ask God for personal heart transformation?