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JESUS & EVIL PEOPLE "DON'T BE NORMAL"

MATTHEW 5:33-48

"But I warn you — unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!" MATTHEW 5:20 (NLT)

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." -TIM KELLER

REVIEW

CHANGE 1: The Heart of Hatred

CHANGE 2: The Heart of Desire

CHANGE 3: The Heart of Marriage

CHANGED FROM THE INSIDE OUT...

CHANGE 4: The Heart of _____

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

MATTHEW 5:33-37 (NIV)

The Heart of Integrity:	

CHANGE 5: The Heart of _____

"You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow." MATTHEW 5:38-42 (NLT)

The Heart of Conflict:	

CHANGE 6: The Heart of _____

"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

MATTHEW 5:43-48 (NLT)

QUESTION: Who is My Enemy?

ENEMY = _____