

THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS

Part 6: “Pleading the Fifth”

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“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, ' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.”
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My Next Step(s):

- When I am angry, I will find out what’s setting off the “alarm.”
- I will not allow anger to “speak” through my actions.
- I will “pause” before acting when I am angry — taking time to get some perspective.
- I will let grace cover over a multitude of things that “annoy” me.
- No matter how the other person acts, I will forgive — not build up anger.

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