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Character Assassination

Matthew 5:21-22 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; (Murder) and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:**

22* But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, (racial slur) shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, (idiot) shall be in danger of hell fire.

The word Kill in the King James Bible is *raw-tsakh'*: Meaning to murder, assassinate or premeditate upon.

The actual word Kill, means: *accidental, not premeditated.*

It is no wonder the secular world looks down their nose at Religion, the true church is not religious, but a way of life. We so called Christians are not proving the world wrong, we profess, thou shalt not do murder. BUT according to the bible we think nothing of character murder (assassination). Just do or say something that may offend or dissolution one of these so called christians and they will chew you up and spit you out with WORD assassination.

What ever happened to what the bible says?

Matthew 18:15* **Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.**

Because our FEELINGS got hurt, or to JUSTIFY ourselves, we tell stories about them that may have a ring of truth. BUT just remember, a HALF truth is a whole lie in Gods books.

1Peter 3:16* **Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

Romans 13:9* **For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt**

not kill, Thou shalt not steal, **Thou shalt not bear false witness**, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

Most people have no problem with the above verse, but they do not realize that sharing the supposedly bad qualities of another is what **Matthew 5:22** calls MURDER or character assassination.

It takes years to build your character, BUT it only takes a few moments for someone to destroy it with a few words that MAY be true, half true or false. John Q. Public loves to believe a lie and especially in this worlds society.

2Thessalonians 2:11* And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

You say christian people are smarter than that, well the majority of people will believe the worst. I don't care if it's gossip or a Drs prognoses.

If I may, I will relate an incident that happened some years ago. There was a couple that was married for some time, when for one reason or another, they parted. The one spouse through hurt or self justification, (I don't know which) wrote a letter to most of their friends and in it they assassinated the other spouses character. Now the other spouse received letters of hate from what they thought was christian friends and totally ignored by other long term friends. It turned out that 80% of the family friends believed the part truths and lies. While the other 20% refused to choose sides and are still friends to both of them.

Proverbs 18:21* Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Now Jesus will forgive ALL are transgressions if we ask him. But like the harlot that was caught in the very act of adultery,

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The KEY word in this scripture "IS", GO AND SIN NO MORE.

Many will quote this scripture to God and themselves about forgiveness and thus justify them doing the same thing over and over.

Matthew 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

But the scripture also says

Luke 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance,

It is like so many professing christian couples today, they attend church, give to charity, are involved in their church organization and in essence live a Godly life. Yet they live in sin (not married) and their self justification is, "I have ask God to forgive me" yet there is no sign of making it right by getting married. In other words it would be like the harlot in John 8:11 if she wouldn't of obeyed the words of Jesus, "GO AND SIN NO MORE"

I trust that you will have an understanding that our words will kill just as sure as you pointing a gun and squeezing the trigger and like the bullet, you can't stop it once you have squeezed the trigger, neither can you stuff the words back in your mouth once they are spoken.

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