

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 5:21-37

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Word - I/S, Eye - I/S, Math - I, Body - I/S, People - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	You have heard it said... but I say to you... Not a matter of anything being set in concrete but a starting	Raca (empty, vain, and worthless) and fool (what we understand it to be!) - challenging someone's competence and	Words still have power - remember the election? Oy vey.

	<p>point for re-forming.</p> <p>Jesus has some “extra Jesus” for these points.</p>	<p>engaging in public shaming which has an effect on a reputation - which in Jesus’ era was everything. So, essentially, don’t kill someone’s good name.</p>	<p>Have someone stand up and yell insults at the congregation -- not at any one person, but just general epithets -- STUPID! WORTHLESS! LAZY! IDIOT! WICKED! CROOKED! FAKE! SLEEZY! SLUTTY! GOOD FOR NOTHING!</p> <p>(Still think “names will never hurt me?”)</p> <p>Connect this with <b>people</b> and <b>self</b> smart and ask for responses to hearing these words. Either move into groups or write on paper.</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p>Jesus is intensifying the requirements of the laws like holding a magnifying glass up to the eyepiece of a microscope.</p>	<p>Take a pencil with a decent point on it and sharpen it until it is lethally sharp. That’s what Jesus is doing with the law.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>	<p>Delmer Chilton: “We seek out two contradictory things at once: 1- to break things down into simple rules that are easy to follow, and 2 - look for ways to circumvent them whenever possible.”</p> <p>Gold!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus’ approach to the situations described in the laws is like the story of <a href="#">dog poop brownies</a>. If a little is bad, then any is bad.</li> <li>• What happens if you are on a straight road and you put the car into a 1° turn either left or right? At first there isn’t much detectable change, but eventually, you will veer entirely off the road.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Here's the math.</a> For 1° steering angle and a wheelbase of 9’, the turning radius <math>R \approx 258'</math>. By the time you would have traveled 258’ (1 radius) straight (less than 1/20th of a mile), you will</p>	<p>Re: the slight change in a steering wheel - the reason distracted driving is SO <a href="#">dangerous</a>.</p> <p>“Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that’s enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. (2009, VTTI)”</p>

		<p>be over 118' off course, more than 13 wheelbase lengths.</p> $R = s / (\sqrt{2} - 2 * \cos(2\Theta))$ <p>R=turning radius s=wheelbase Θ=steering angle</p> <p>This is the sort of misdirection Jesus seems to be warning against spiritually. Anger, lust, desire for separation, and over-certainty (vows) pull us away from the goals of love and compassion toward others, humility and faithfulness in ourselves.</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs. 29-30 Ouch!	<p>This is not a direction to mutilate oneself. It is a reminder that we are to strive to be fully the person God created us to be. That may mean there are times when we must go through a painful removal process to heal. Burning off a wart, or cutting out a growth, or scraping some skin clear - getting rid of something that is not healthy in order to be healthy.</p>	<p><a href="#">127 Hours</a> - trailer</p> <p>This is something of an extreme case, but if Aron Ralston had not cut off his arm, he would have died. I think the takeaway from this is that we allow ourselves to remain caught in spiritual traps for fear of doing the hard work of becoming free.</p>
Musical	Vs 24 - be reconciled	<p><a href="#">Give Me Roses While I Live</a> - The Carter Family</p> <p><a href="#">Don't Bring Me Flowers When I'm Dead</a> - Juan Olivarez</p>	
Natural	Here, the earth is suddenly let go from jury duty!		
People - Interpersonal	Vs. 24-25	<p>Ubuntu, the Zulu term for an ethic of interdependence - <i>My</i></p>	See <b>word</b> above

		<p><i>humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours. A person is a person through other persons.</i></p> <p>As per Delmer Chilton: an Appalachian custom in worship called the <a href="#">Flower service</a> where “everyone brings a bouquet of flowers (a large fistful of flowers from the garden and wild flowers from the fields and woods) and places them on a table in front of the pulpit.</p> <p>After the sermon, a genuinely amazing "passing of the peace," takes place as everyone in the congregation comes to the table and retrieves their bouquet and then begins to go to every other person in the church to apologize for any hurt feelings or harsh words or misunderstandings.</p> <p>From the oldest to the youngest, everyone talks to everyone else, not caring how long it takes. After apologies and words of forgiveness and reconciliation have been spoken and heard, people then exchange flowers, sealing the restoration of their relationship and then moving on to another sister or brother in Christ.</p> <p>Therefore, there is to be no walking about with deep resentments against others festering</p>	<p>Do the Flower Service described here ←</p>
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Self - Intrapersonal	Not only behaviors but attitudes and emotions fall within the scope of Jesus’ reformation of these texts.	These are not easy or private actions that Jesus calls us to examine in ourselves. There are no easy truces presented here; in order to live as Jesus’ disciples hard work must be taken up and gone through to achieve the righteousness that exceeds the Pharisees. This is not Cliff Notes - this is the text in its original language.	See <b>word</b> above Vs. 34-37 Jesus wants us to be so truthful in our living that we have no need to swear to our honesty.  Spend some time this week considering what you would NOT need to prove honest about your life of faith. What would you need to reconcile? Make a plan to get it done.