

Matthew 5v27-37 Are Our Eyes, Actions and Words matching Our Name

Questions

Please use the scripture, Andrew Olsen's Resource and John's message manuscript for resource material.

- Have you ever been enticed or seduced by what you have looked at?
- Have you ever been intentionally hurt by someone you love?
- Have you ever been betrayed or lied to by someone close?
- Have you ever been duped/deceived by someone who told you a great story but it proved false?

These are the sort of issues Jesus wants to address in the passage!

Preliminary Questions for discussion - 10 mins...

- Are we to take Jesus' (v28 & 29) words literally? Was He actually advocating self-mutilation?
- Is adultery the only grounds for divorce in the scriptures?
- Should a Christian take an oath?

Now using Andrew's stretching material discuss his divorce theology disaster questions...

Standard Belief: 'Jesus says that *adultery* is the only grounds for divorce.' True or False?

Standard Belief: 'Jesus *improves* the slack OT divorce laws that were poor because of the sins of ancient Jews.' True or False?

Standard Belief: 'Jesus trumps the OT laws by *replacing* them ("You heard it was said...") with more serious NT divorce laws ("But I say to you"). True or False?

Standard Belief: 'God *hates* divorce.'" True or False?

Standard Belief: 'Jesus said a person divorced is committing *adultery* if they remarry.' True or False?

Standard Belief: 'A woman who divorces must not remarry but must return to her husband.' True or False?

God's Final Word: Marriage is pre-Fall, image of God, a sacrament, most grave and holy. True or False?

How has this passage affected your thinking?