Reminder 1: Jesus has AUTHORITY to say what He is about to say.

Reminder 2: Because of this, Jesus can go right for the HEART.

*Actions don't emerge from NOTHING. Actions REVEAL what is in the heart.

1. Jesus' teaching about anger has an affect on our view of OURSELVES. v21-22

"anger" =

"insults" =

"fool" =

*All these actions have CONSEQUENCES.

2. Jesus' teaching about anger has an affect on our view of WORSHIP. v23-24

*You cannot worship God with INTEGRITY while knowing about an angry situation and doing NOTHING about it. 3. Jesus' teaching about anger has an affect on our view on RELATIONSHIPS. v25-26

"A lean settlement is better than a fat law-suit.

Make PEACE with the utmost promptitude."

-Charles H. Spurgeon

Two observations:

- A. We are only responsible for what others hold against us when it is because of actions that WE HAVE DONE.
- B. We are responsible to pursue reconciliation, but sometimes we have to live with the PAIN if we have done our part and it doesn't SUCCEED.

Important questions to ask:

- Am I responsible for any anger or hostility someone has against me? Am I holding anger or hostility toward someone?
- Am I responsible for any grudges or bitterness someone has against me? Am I holding a grudge or bitterness toward someone?
- Am I willing to do the hard thing and try and make it right?