

You Make Me So Mad

The Principle

**Do not play God by destroying
another person's life.**

You shall not murder.

Exodus 20:13

You have heard that it was said... "You must not murder anyone. Anyone who murders another will be judged." But I tell you, if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be judged.

Matthew 5:21-22 NCV

The Reason

**Because only God has the perfect
judgment and right to end a life.**

But LORD, you are our father. We are like clay, and you are the potter; your hands made us all.

Isaiah 64:8 NCV

...Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.

Job 1:21 NIV

You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people...So you argue and fight...

James 4:2 NCV

The Response

**I will avoid the anger that leads to murder
by loving my neighbor and my enemy.**

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemies." But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.

Matthew 5:43-44 NCV

Loving others will motivate me to...

- **Control anger in its infancy**

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control. Proverbs 29:11 NIV

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:9 NIV

- **Tackle issues early**

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1 NIV

Don't get angry. Don't be upset; it only leads to trouble. Psalm 37:8 ICB

- **Seek forgiveness when I fail**

But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done. 1 John 1:9 ICB

When you are angry, do not sin. And do not go on being angry all day. Do not give the devil a way to defeat you. Ephesians 4:26-27 ICB

- **Release my offender**

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

- **Replace anger with God's peace**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Trust the LORD with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success. Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the LORD and refuse to do wrong. Then your body will be healthy, and your bones will be strong.

Proverbs 3:5-8 NCV