



**Sermon Outline**  
**March 2, 2025**  
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**What You Are**  
**Thinking Matters!**

**Matthew 5:20-30**

\* **What's wrong with the world?** Sadly, the darkness that can reside in \_\_\_\_\_ is a contributor.

\* **Jesus forewarned He was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 5:20** - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

\* **Human nature appears bent on trying to figure out what the \_\_\_\_\_ requirements are.**

\* *Jesus drew the line in a way that now included people who'd never thought of themselves as murderers or adulterers.*

\* **You're responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ than just your actions.**

\* **Jesus provides three points to ponder.**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ consequence of anger.**

\* **In God's economy anger is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**James 1:20** - ...because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

\* *The first murder was the result of unrestrained \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Genesis 4:5b-7** - So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

\* **Being wrong with others is the equivalent of not being \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ result of lust.**

\* **In God's economy lust is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* *Jesus strongly suggests that whatever leads to a destructive habit, even if it seems indispensable – \_\_\_\_\_!*

\* **Today is temporary. Eternity is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 3:5a** - **Put to death**, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust...

**3. The problem with our \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* **What's going on \_\_\_\_\_ is as significant as what's being done externally.**

**Matthew 15:8** - These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

\* **Sin is not just an immoral or improper action. It's also entertaining the \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* **What many people do with the wrong kind of thought: \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

\* **Those who live under the authority of Christ learn to take every thought \_\_\_\_\_ instead of letting the thought take them captive.**

**2 Corinthians 10:5b** - ...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

\* **Who's in charge of your thinking? \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

**1 Samuel 16:7b** - People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

\* **You must guard your heart from \_\_\_\_\_ emotions and thoughts.**