

Chapel, January 25, 1934

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Matthew V, verses 21-26

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I hope will think seriously about the scripture lesson you have just heard, for it gives us an interpretation I expect is new to us of what a Christian man or woman's duty is with reference to his fellowman. You do not have to actually kill a person, destroy his physical life, to be guilty of murder in the sight of God. I daresay you had not thought of it in that way. So many of us are temporal in all our thinking and can't get beyond today, so many of us think only in terms of things that are temporal and will soon pass away. Jesus came to give us another vision of life; the long vision, the vision that comes from the soul of a human being. "I just hate that man", someone said, and later admitted to his companion that he didn't know him, that perhaps that was the reason he hated him. That person had murder in his heart and wasn't conscious of it. Jesus told these people when they came to bring gifts, to make contributions to the church, if they were not at peace with their fellowman, to go and find that person with whom they were angry and be reconciled. Too often we fail to realize the importance of making up differences and instead of making up go about talking about our fellowman, magnifying differences instead of reducing them. If we have the spirit of love we will go to our fellowman with whom we have a difference and try to find the truth and make an adjustment. It can't always be done; sometimes the other person will not do his part. Jesus said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing." Interpreted in our terms today, you will be carried into court and the court will find you guilty and you will have to pay the penalty. As I think back over a few cases of discipline we have had to administer in this college I recall what most of the students said, "If I had just thought! What I have done

will almost kill my mother." And there was nothing I could do but say "You should have thought of that, sooner." Young folks, think before you act. Make *up* your differences with your fellowman, and live in peace and harmony. You will grow strong spiritually, and your life will be a much more worthwhile life.