

# **Matthew 5:20-26**

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## **Intro**

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## **1. Aim high**

**James Lowell:** *"Not failure, but low aim is the crime."*

**Exodus 3:11** - Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

**Exodus 3:12** - God said, "I will certainly be with you."

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## **2. Dig deep**

**Matthew 23:27-28** - "You're like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inside they're full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. In the same way, on the *outside* you *appear* to be righteous but on the *inside* you're full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

**1 Samuel 16:7** - Man looks at the outward appearance, but *God looks at the heart.*

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**1 Chronicles 28:9** - Learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve Him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For *the LORD sees every heart and knows every desire and every thought.*

**Psalm 7:9** - God looks deep within the mind and heart.

**Prov. 16:2** - All a person's ways seem pure to them, but *the Lord examines the motives.*

**Revelation 2:23** - Jesus: "I'm *the One who searches hearts and minds*, and I'll repay each of you according to your deeds."

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## **3. Reconcile quickly**

### **#1 - Stop**

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### **#2 - Go**

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**#3 - Reconcile**

**Romans 12:18** - If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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**#4 - Return**

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