

MURDER, HE WROTE
The Good Life Series Part 3
June 21, 2020

The good life involves learning how to control _____

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1. _____ the anger before you

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2. _____ the anger behind you

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Matthew 5:23-24

3. _____ anger beyond you

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NEXT WEEK

THE GOOD LIFE

“AFFAIRS OF THE HEART”

An adulterous heart is a restless one. It was that way in Moses’ day, remained that way in Jesus’ day, and is still so today. Some cultures try to be subtle about this. Ours does not. Extra-marital sexual activity is so intertwined with a juggernaut entertainment industry, we generally want distraction and amusement as much as we want sex. In this message, Jesus points out the danger of sexual impurity and how it robs us of the good life.