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Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21-47: You have heard it said.... But I say....



Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
21-26	don't murder	deal with your anger

Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
27-30	don't commit adultery	fight hard against lust

Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
31-32	Divorce is permitted as long as you get a certificate of divorce.	Divorce is permitted if there has been “sexual immorality.” (Faithfulness!)

Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
33-37	Keep your oaths	Don't take an oath at all. Just say, "Yes" or "No" – and keep your word.

Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
38-42	An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth	Don't resist an evil person. Turn the other cheek, walk the extra mile.

Ch. 5	You have heard it said... (the behavior)	But I say.... (the deeper issue)
43-47	Love your neighbor, hate your enemy	Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:48 (ESV)

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

	The behavior	The deeper issue
5:21-26	murder	anger
5:27-30	adultery	lust
5:31-32	divorce	faithfulness
5:33-37	oaths	truth telling
5:38-42	retaliation	mercy
5:43-47	love... hate	love everyone

Behavior (and heart) modification comes from...

...our work

Romans 12:9-21

Ephesians 4:25-5:21

Colossians 3:5-4:6

AND

...God's work

Psalms 51:10

John 15:5

Galatians 5:22

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