

c o n t e m p t

S E R I O U S L Y ?

a strange place to start

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago,
'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother
will be subject to judgment.

Again, anyone who says to his brother,
'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin.

But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

Matthew 5:21-22

c o n t e m p t (Paul's definition)

*a self-certain, self-superior disdain for anything we consider beneath us
and thus worthy of disrespect, criticism, scorn or ridicule*

c o n t e m p t (wikipedia)

*an intense feeling or attitude of regarding someone or something
as inferior, base, or worthless — it is similar to scorn.
It is also used when people are being sarcastic.*

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT c o n t e m p t

1. The source of contempt is h _____ (p _____)

Are we a society of the ignorant educated?

Knowledge puffs up, love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:1b

2. D _____ and h _____ create contempt.

3. I _____ people hide behind contempt.

4. Every human e _____ finds its s _____ (its genesis) in contempt.

5. Contempt d _____ that which is important, holy, meaningful
and special.

6. Contempt d _____ people and makes relationships and
community impossible.

7. Contempt s _____.

8. R _____ contempt is especially nasty.

9. Contempt s _____ your perspective - making you unbalanced,
cynical, bitter, negative, lonely and small. In short, it makes you an
excellent candidate for hell.

10. This is the f _____ of Jesus' ethical teaching.

are we part of a culture
drowning in contempt?

WARNING!

If you conquer contempt in your life
you will seem childish and even naive
and there will be many who will hold you in contempt.
But you just might find you have become a child of God
who is able to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:15

SYMPTOMS OF c o n t e m p t

1. S _____

2. Ridicule or c _____ of the sacred or special

3. N _____

4. R _____

5. Glorification of k _____ and ridicule of h _____

6. B _____

7. D _____

8. Disbelief in the power of c _____ and change

9. I _____ and division

10. Arrogant j _____ and g _____

11. A _____ and r _____

12. C _____

next steps

This week:

Be on a contempt watch in our society and in your own heart.

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