contempt

NAIVE

"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

in my mind --

whom have I made into a MONSTER (non-human)?

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.

WHEN I'M FILLED WITH CONTEMPT, IS THAT WHO I WANT TO BE?

childish

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

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³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:3-12

There is this incredibly attractive something about a person who knows who he/she is and has set aside contempt.

NAIVE people are:

attractive ~ kind ~ wise ~ aware ~ patient forgiving ~ positive ~ known ~ admired ~ loved

next steps

walk the path of healing and wholeness

awareness

of contempt in our attitudes, feelings, thoughts, words, behaviors and relationships

reflection

on the fruit of contempt in our lives and our world

confession

to God, ourselves and others

rejection

as we establish a pattern of not receiving or embracing contempt

reflection question

WHEN I CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF STORING CONTEMPT IN MY HEART, IS THAT WHO I WANT TO BE?