



## Part 1: Overcoming Anger

Being a hippie is not a matter of dress, behaviour, economic status, or social milieu. It is a philosophical approach to life that emphasizes freedom, peace, love and a respect for others and the earth. The way of the hippie never died. There have always been hippies, such as Jesus, from the first time society laid down rules.

~ Skip Stone, *Hippies From A To Z*

You might remember that the first Christians were called "followers of the Way". They had found the Way of Life and had given themselves over to it. They lived together, ate together, fought together, celebrated together. They were intimate allies; it was a fellowship of the heart. How wonderful it would be if we could find the same.

~ John Eldredge

Probably the greatest tragedy of the church throughout its long and chequered history has been its constant tendency to conform to the prevailing culture instead of developing a Christian counter-culture.

~ John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

The Sermon on the Mount is cosmic in its implications. It goes inside us where other more religious teaching just scratches the surface.

~ Carl G. Vaught  
*The Sermon on the Mount*

By and large Jesus is serving up counter-order wisdom here, not wisdom to be derived from observing nature or human nature, but wisdom to be derived from revelation, from listening to God and watching how God works in the world of its redemption.

~ Ben Witherington III, *Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary*

The community of Christ is built not only on spiritual devotion to God and a generous attitude about material possessions, but also on gracious social interactions with others.

~ Philip K. Clemens, *Beyond the Law: Living The Sermon on the Mount*

The whole business of judging persons is in God's hands, for he alone knows the secrets of men's hearts. This does not mean that we are not to use all the moral insight we possess in order to discover what is right and wrong; but that we are to confine ourselves to that field and refrain from passing judgment on persons.

~ T.W. Manson, *The Sayings of Jesus*

The standard of Jesus for relationships in the Christian counter-culture is high and healthy. In all our attitudes and behaviour towards others we are to play neither the judge, nor the hypocrite, but the brother, caring for others so much that we first blame and correct ourselves and then seek to be constructive in the help we give them.

~ John R.W. Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

The temptation to look down on each other for moral failures is itself a temptation to play God.

~ N.T. Wright, *Matthew for Everyone*

Do not judge your neighbour until you have been in his situation.

~ The Mishna, *Abot 2:4-5*

Never judge a person until you have walked a mile in their shoes ...Then when you do judge them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

~ Jack Handey, *Deep Thoughts*

How would you be  
If He, which is the top of judgment, should  
But judge you as you are? O, think on that;  
And mercy then will breathe within your lips,  
Like man new made.

~ William Shakespeare,  
*Measure for Measure*

I am the way.

~ Jesus