



THE ROADBLOCK OF ANGER
JAMES 1:19-27
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The Danger of Anger

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20)

Now the works of the flesh are evident...idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger (Galatians 5:19-20)

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For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

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The Distortion of Anger

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (James 1:21)

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (James 1:18)

When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

For the word of God is living and active (Hebrews 4:12)

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. (1 John 2:14)

A mind shaped by the implanted Word won't be distorted by anger.



The Deception of Anger

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. (James 1:23)

For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. (James 1:24)

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (James 1:25)

Anger turned inward becomes depression

Anger kept stored up in the heart becomes resentment

Anger when ignored erodes marriages

Anger can destroy friendships

Anger often leads to bad decisions

Unresolved anger can destroy church unity

Anger at work makes for a miserable job

Anger compromises trust in institutions

The Distraction of Anger

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. (James 1:26)

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (James 1:27)

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But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (Romans 2:5)

...among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:3)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-5)