

Can You Be Angry?

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RAGE: Dealing With An Angry World, Pt. 4

Psalm 37:8, *Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. 9 For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. 10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. 11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.*

What Is Sinful Anger?

Galatians 5:19, *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

James 4:1, *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.*

What About Anger In Christians?

You've Been Changed: **Own Your Transformation!**

Ephesians 4:20, *That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*

You've Been Changed: **Is Your Anger Righteous?**

Ephesians 4:26, *"In your anger do not sin"...*

You've Been Changed: *Does Your Anger Linger?*

Ephesians 4:26, *Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry...*

You've Been Changed: *Are You Letting Anger Creep In?*

Ephesians 4:27, *... and do not give the devil a foothold.*

You've Been Changed: *Does Your Anger Blind You From Others' Needs?*

Ephesians 4:28, *Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

You've Been Changed: *Does Your Anger Control Your Tongue?*

Ephesians 4:29, *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

You've Been Changed: *Is Your Anger Stopping God's Work In Your Life?*

Ephesians 4:30, *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

You've Been Changed: *Do You Model The Lord's Compassion?*

Ephesians 4:32, *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Exodus 34:6, *The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...*