



"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1 (ESV)

"A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention." Proverbs 15:18 (ESV)

Anger is our whole-person ACTIVE RESPONSE of negative moral judgement against perceived evil.

THREE BIBLICAL CATEGORIES OF ANGER

1. DIVINE Godly anger.

"God is an honest judge. He is angry with the wicked every day." Psalm 7:11 (NLT)

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." John 3:36 (ESV)

2. RIGHTEOUS human anger.

"And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it." Exodus 32:19-20 (ESV)

"Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" Matthew 21:12-13 (NLT)

A. Reacts against ACTUAL SIN.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (ESV)

"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil." Ephesians 4:26-27 (ESV)

B. Focuses on GODS KINGDOM not our kingdom.

"He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly." 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

C. Accompanied by GODLY QUALITIES & expressed in GODLY WAYS. Gal 5:16-26

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Romans 12:19 (ESV)

3. SINFUL human anger.

"Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back." Proverbs 29:11 (NLT)

Anger reveals itself in us...

1. Through our BODY LANGUAGE.

2. Through our WORDS.

3. Through our ACTIONS.

4. Through our THOUGHTS and in our HEART.

Where does Anger comes from ...

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?" James 4:1 (NLT)

1. Lack of COMMUNICATION.

2. Unmet EXPECTATIONS.

3. Our own SELFISHNESS.

"Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls." James 1:19-21 (NLT)

ANGER & WRATH ARE SATISFIED BY GODS MERCY & GRACE.

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—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:4-9 (ESV)