

THINGS THAT WILL DESTROY OUR WALK WITH GOD

LESSON #1 - ANGER

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Son 2:15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

foxes — generic term, including jackals. They eat only grapes, not the vine flowers; but they need to be driven out *in time* before the grape is ripe.

Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Jam 5:9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

1. **Wednesday Night Bible Study are going to be lessons that will prepare everyone of us to take and internal look at our lives and make sure that there is nothing that will keep us from the Rapture of the church.**
2. The Lord has done everything in his power to give us every weapon we need to overcome all the external and external problems that we face in life.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
3. When we receive His Spirit in our heart it gives us new desires.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a **new spirit will I put within you:** and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

4. The Lord said “I will be in you a well of living water;” also he told his disciples that “I am with you now, but I shall be in you.”
5. To be Ready for the Rapture we must look inward and Keep our hearts and our spirit right with God.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

6. We want to see growth in numbers this year, but the most important growth is a spiritual growth that happens on the inside of all of us.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

grow up — from the state of “children” to that of “full-grown men.” There is growth only in the spiritually alive, not in the dead. into him — so as to be more and more incorporated with Him, and become one with Him.

**TO CONQUER THE ENEMIES FROM WITHOUT, WE
MUST CONQUER THE ENEMIES FROM WITHIN**

Mar 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

Mar 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

Mar 7:22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Mar 7:23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

WORKS OF THE FLESH

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, **wraths**, factions, divisions, parties,

Gal 5:21 envyings, **drunkenness**, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1. **Hatred**: Intense, hostile intentions and acts, extreme dislike or enmity.
2. **Variance**: Quarreling, antagonism, a struggling for superiority.
3. **Wrath**: Explosive anger or rage which flares into violent words and deeds.
4. **Strife**: Selfish ambition, seeking of power
5. **Drunkenness**: Impairing one's mental or physical control by alcoholic drink.

Jam 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

YOU MUST CONTROL YOUR PASSIONS AND YOUR ANGER BEFORE IT CONTROL YOU, IF WE WANT TO WALK ON STREETS OF GOLD WE MUST CONQUOR OUR FLESH AND OUR SPIRIT

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

ENEMY #1 – ANGER

Pro 16:32 *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

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He that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city - It is much easier to subdue an enemy without than one within. There have been many kings who had conquered nations, and yet were slaves to their own passions. **Alexander**, who conquered the world, was a slave to intemperate anger, and in a fit of it slew Clytus, the best and most intimate of all his friends, and one whom he loved beyond all others.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Eph 4:27 neither give place to the devil.

“Let not the sun go down upon your wrath” — “wrath” is absolutely forbidden; “anger” not so, though, like poison sometimes used as medicine, it is to be used with extreme caution.

Pro 21:19 *It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.*

Pro 21:19 - It is better to dwell in the wilderness,.... Where persons live without shelter, and are not only exposed to storms and tempests, but to beasts of prey; where is want of the necessaries of life, and no society; where no "speech" is, as the word (e) for wilderness may signify; yet it is better to dwell in such a place, where no human voice is heard,

Pro 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

Pro 22:25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

Pro 22:25 - Lest thou learn his ways,.... And be as wrathful and furious, as quarrelsome and contentious, as he is. Evil works and

ways are soon learned; men are more ready to imitate what is evil than what is good: Joseph learned to swear in

THE NATURE OF ANGER: RIDE THE WILD HORSES OF YOUR LIFE

1. Anger is completely normal, usually healthy, human emotion. But when it gets out of control and turns destructive, it can lead to problems – problems at work, in your personal relationships, and in the overall quality of your life. And it can make you feel as though you're at the mercy of an unpredictable and powerful emotion.
2. Water is harmless when it is controlled by a dam or a riverbank but when it becomes destructive is when it flows beyond the control of the dam or a riverbank. It can destroy homes, livestock, and roads when it is out of control.
3. Anger is an emotional state that varies in intensity from mild irritation to intense fury and rage. Like other emotions it affects the way that you think and causes biological changes when you are angry, your heart rate and blood pressure go up, as do the levels of your energy hormones and adrenaline.

Pro 25:23 The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

HOW TO INHERIT THE WIND

1. **The Bible Says:** “He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind.” That means a person who constantly stirs up strife in his own family will never find all the success and blessing the Lord has for him.

Pro 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

2. Anything that an angry person does to upset his spouse and children troubles your house. Using anger to control your spouse

troubles your house, Raising your voice in an explosive, loud, demeaning words troubles our house. Being rude and abusive troubles your house. While anger hurts the person it is directed toward, there are serious consequences for the angry person as well. The anger that is mentioned here is anger that drives a person to go beyond what is acceptable behavior.

3. Anger that is directed at your spouse is always selfish, and will cause deep resentments. No one wants to be ruled by someone's anger, especially not from a spouse.
4. Every angry outburst directed at a family member kills something in that person. It will eventually kill love, erode hope, and destroys the relationship.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

SEVEN THINGS THAT ARE TRUE ABOUT ANGER

1. **You are able to stop being Angry:**

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2. **Anger stirs up strife and causes you to sin:**

Pro 29:22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

3. **Taking control of anger makes you stronger:**

Pro 16:32 *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

4. **It is to your benefit to let some things go instead of getting angry:**

Pro 19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

5. **Only fools are quick to get angry:**

Ecc 7:9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

6. **Angry people are never good to be around:**

Pro 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

7. **Angry words inspire more anger:**

Pro 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

THE DANGER OF LETTING ANGER CONTINUE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

1. There is an epidemic of anger in marriages today. It anger is expressed without repentance and forgiveness; it erodes all that has be established in the relationship and builds a wall between the husband and the wife that will eventually become insurmountable. Anger has consequences, and they are never more apparent then in a marriage.
2. Ask God to forgive you and let Him cleanse you of all your anger.

CLEANING OUT THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUR SPIRIT

Jam 3:9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Jam 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Jam 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

Jam 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Jam 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

TAKE CONTROL OVER YOUR SPEECH

Pro 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Pro 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Pro 21:24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in

1. **Your speech can:** make or break your marriage, make your home a paradise or a desert, it can draw your children to you in affection or send them away from you in disgust. It can make and keep friends or lose them.