

Using Anger for Good

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We should be angry when

- Religion is perverted
 - Jesus (Jno. 2:13-17; Matt. 23)
- Sin contaminates
 - Moses (Ex. 32:19-35)
- Apostasy reigns
 - God (2 Kgs. 22:15-17)
- Disrespect hurts
 - David and Abigail (1 Sam. 25:14-44)

How can our tempers be controlled?

- Not through
 - Venting
 - Suppression

How then?

- Learn self (2 Cor. 13:5)
- React in ways NOT to produce anger
 - Soft answer (Prov. 15:1)
- Learn to ignore petty disagreements (Prov. 17:14)
- Learn to reason things out
 - Talk to self: Ask: “what good will it do?”

How then?

- Put things in the right perspective (Eccl. 7:21)
- Don't be defensive (Prov. 27:17)
- If our anger is directed toward a person
 - Ought against you (Matt. 5:23-24)
 - Sinned against you (Matt. 18:15-17)

How then?

- Don't react too quickly (Eccl. 7:8-9; Jas. 1:19b)
 - Investigate the facts
 - We need to hear it out
- Don't be friends with an angry person (Prov. 22:24-25)