## Anger Info

## James 1:19

After the command to KNOW, we have *"swift to Hear."* Then *"slow to speak,"* now – *"SLOW TO WRATH,"* (ANGER)

God has given us a great challenge – are we perceptive to God and His Word? Do we use the tongue properly? Then God's Spirit seemingly says, "Let's dwell there a moment longer." God has given us life – ETERNAL LIFE. The soul is saved – BUT – is the soul full? Receptive?

A receptive heart:

- 1) opens the EARS
- 2) controls the tongue
- 3) manages, rules, governs, restrains the emotion of anger.

Anger is the Greek word  $op\gamma \epsilon op\gamma\eta - to$  swell (a swelling which will eventually burst). (An inner, deep feeling that seethes and smolders).

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- 1. Human anger never practices the things that God can approve.
- 2. Anger blocks God's good from the life.
- 3. Bitterness never makes us better.

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- 4. A temper that is hot never leads to a life that is HOLY.
- 5. It has been often said "You throw mud you will lose ground!"
- 6. Unbridled anger is a devastating sin.
- 7. It can create a distance in relationships, disturb children, and not accomplish anything good.
- 8. Jesus labeled anger as the root sin behind murder in Matt. 5:21,22.
- 9. Before Cain committed the first murder in history, God confronted him with the question (Gen. 4:6) *"Why are you angry?"*
- 10. Paul tells us that unchecked anger gives the devil a foothold in life. (Eph. 4:26, 27) (Homes and yes, even churches are torn apart by anger.
- 11. People often hide *"Be anger and sin not."* Righteous anger is normally not righteous.
- 12. In Gal. 5:20, Paul gives a list: *"enmities, strife, jealousy, outburst of anger, disputes, dissensions (and) factions"* as DEEDS OF THE FLESH.
- 13. We must face reality If we cannot make it through a week without ANGER THEN WE ARE ADDICTED. IF WE ARE YELLING, NAME CALLING, THROWING THINGS, MAKING THREATS, THEN ANGER HAS CONTROL OF US.
- 14. FACE THE PROBLEM ADMIT THE PROBLEM TO GOD TAKE STEPS TO ROOT IT OUT ALLOW SOMETHING FAR GREATER TO TAKE CHARGE. Read Col. 3:12-14.