

Anger or Love?

Learning to Reflect the Love of God in a
Self-Centered World

The Gospel of The Kingdom

- **Jesus is teaching the kingdom of the heavens is available to everyone. Blessed is anyone who lives under the rule of THE KING! Matt.5:2-11**
- **The expression, “You are the Salt of the earth”, was given to the ordinary people. 5:13cf 4:23-5:1**
- **When we are Living under the rule of the King, it will change our values and how we live. 5:13-16**
- **Jesus is calling us beyond religion to a heart changed and energized by the Holy Spirit**

The Contrast of The Kingdom

- **Matt.5:21-22 - Jesus is setting up a contrast between a “good person” and a “transformed soul”**
- **All the evil we see and hear being reported comes from somewhere. Jesus tells us it comes from the soul.**
- **Matt.15:1-11,15-19 Jesus is taken to task for his disciples not ceremonially washing their hands**
- **Dish washing – 23:25-28**
- **When David was chosen as king, Samuel was told, Man looks on the outside, God looks at the heart
1Sam.16:7**

The Contrast of The Kingdom

- **You have heard it said...but I say to you...**
- **Do not Murder... vs. Being an Angry Person**
- **Judgement? Shall stand condemned before the law**
- **As far as God is concerned, pride based anger toward someone is just as bad as killing**
- **Clean the inside and with the anger goes the murder**
- **It is a Rightness or Righteousness that goes beyond being good**

Understanding Anger

- **Anger in itself, is not wrong**
- Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. Ps.4:4,5
- Be angry and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and do not give the devil an opportunity. Eph.4:26,27
- Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1Pet.5:7,8

Understanding Anger

- **Our emotions are a thermometer of our thinking. Wrong thinking produces wrong emotions.**
- **Wrong thinking can also be the product of bodies that have been subjected to futility. Rom.8:20**
- **Anger is often a sign our goal or will is blocked.**
- **It is an opportunity to examine our goal**
- **When anger arises, we have the choice as to whether or not we will receive it. The more we embrace it, the greater control it will take over our lives.**

Defeating Anger

- **We become an angry person when any incident can evoke the torrent of rage which we begin to carry in ready supply**
- **A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression. Prov.29:22**
- **It is the elimination of Anger and Contempt that Jesus presents as the first and fundamental step toward the rightness of the Kingdom heart. A heart that loves instead of raging.**

Defeating Anger

- **God is angry at the suppression of truth
Rom1:18**
- **God is angry at sin. Col.3:1-17**
- **Jesus came to set us free Col.2:6-15**
- **When we walk “in Him” we are filled with Him, we have died and been raised in Him, we are made alive with Him and triumph over the forces of darkness in Him.**
- **Will you bow in submission to Him?**