

Seven Deadly Sins

Anger

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. *Ephesians 4v26-27*

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. *Ephesians 4v31*

1. What is anger?

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage... *Colossians 3v8*

2. Righteous anger

He looked round at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts... *Mark 3v5*

In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" *John 2v14-17*

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men... *Romans 1v18*

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. *Romans 2v8*

...the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. *Revelation 19v15*

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness... *Exodus 34v6* Also: *Numbers 14v18, Nehemiah 9v17, Psalms 86v15, 103v8, 145v8, Joel 2v13, Jonah 4v2, Nahum 1v3.*

When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. *Exodus 32v19-21*

When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger. *1 Samuel 11v6*

When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. *Nehemiah 5v6*

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. *Acts 17v16*

He who is angry without cause sins. But he who is not angry when there is cause sins. (John Chrysostom)

3. Sinful anger

Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!"

Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?" *Genesis 27v33-34, 41, 45*

An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. *Proverbs 29v22*

The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?" *Genesis 4v6*

When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him... *1 Samuel 17v28*

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. *Luke 4v28*

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. *Matthew 5v21-22*

A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated. *Proverbs 14v17*

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly. *Proverbs 14v29*

For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife. *Proverbs 30v33*

I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. *1 Timothy 2v8*

4. Dealing with anger

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *John 1v9*

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! *2 Corinthians 5v17*

"Stretch out your hand!" He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. *Mark 3v5*

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. *Proverbs 15v1*

A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel. *Proverbs 15v18*

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. *James 1v19-20*

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city. *Proverbs 16v32*

Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger. *Proverbs 29v8*

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. *1 Peter 2v23*