## **Real Solutions For Your Anger**

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### Introduction

## **3** Biblical Categories of Anger

- 1. God's righteous anger
- 2. Human righteous anger
- 3. Human sinful anger

#### Genesis 4:2-8 - Cain Kills Abel

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. <u>So</u> <u>Cain was very angry</u>, and his face was downcast. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. "<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, <u>Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him</u>.

**Proverbs 29:22** - *An angry person stirs up conflict, and a hot-tempered person commits many sins.* 

**Ephesians 4:26, 31** - <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,...<sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

See also James 1:19-20 and James 4:1-2

**Main idea:** When you feel angry, <u>choose</u> to handle your anger <u>God's way</u> instead of your own natural reactive way.

# 4 Steps To Handle Anger God's Way

1. Realize the <u>positive</u> impacts of righteous anger and <u>destructive</u> impacts of sinful anger.

2. Learn to distinguish between righteous and sinful anger.

3. Be humble enough to repent to God and others when you fail.

 Replace sinful anger with <u>Christlike attitudes and actions</u> through the power of the Spirit.

#### When you...

\*Have been wronged, forgive as Christ forgave you.

- \*Must do the hard right thing, be courageous.
- \*Want more and more and feel jealous, choose to be content.
- \*Need to confront, speak the truth in love.
- \*Have failed, ask God to forgive you and learn from it.
- \*Are angry with the culture, do something to help.
- \*Can't change the situation, ask God to change you.