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NEWSLETTER

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EAGER ANGER



WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO CIVILITY? IT SEEMS LIKE ALMOST EVERY TIME POLITICIANS AND PUNDITS SPEAK, THEY ARE ANGRY WITH WHOMEVER THEY FEEL OPPOSES THEM. VIRTUES LIKE COURTESY, RESPECT, GRACIOUSNESS AND POLITENESS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED UP BY UGLY VICES LIKE HYPER-SENSITIVITY AND OVER REACTION. THE THIN-SKINNED AND EASILY OFFENDED SEEM TO COMPETE FOR WHO CAN BE THE MOST OUTRAGED. CRUEL AND BITTER CRITICISM FLOWS FROM THOSE WITHOUT GRACE OR PATIENCE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE BECOME VERY GOOD AT BEING VERY GROUCHY!

THE THINGS I'VE JUST NOTED CAME TO MY MIND AS I RECENTLY READ ECCLESIASTES 7:9. "DO NOT BE EAGER IN YOUR HEART TO BE ANGRY, FOR ANGER RESIDES IN THE BOSOM OF FOOLS." I'M AFRAID EASY ANGER COULD ACCURATELY CHARACTERIZE OUR TIMES.

MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS. HERE ARE SOME TO CONSIDER.

- PSALM 37:8** CEASE FROM ANGER, AND FORSAKE WRATH; DO NOT FRET, IT LEADS ONLY TO EVIL-DOING.
- PROVERBS 14:17** A QUICK-TEMPERED MAN ACTS FOOLISHLY . . .
- PROVERBS 14:29** HE WHO IS SLOW TO ANGER HAS GREAT UNDERSTANDING, BUT HE WHO IS QUICK-TEMPERED EXALTS FOLLY.
- PROVERBS 15:1-2** A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH, BUT A HARSH WORD STIRS UP ANGER. THE TONGUE OF THE WISE MAKES KNOWLEDGE ACCEPTABLE, BUT THE MOUTH OF FOOLS SPOUTS FOLLY.
- PROVERBS 16:32** HE WHO IS SLOW TO ANGER IS BETTER THAN THE MIGHTY, AND HE WHO RULES HIS SPIRIT, THAN HE WHO CAPTURES A CITY.
- PROVERBS 17:14** THE BEGINNING OF STRIFE IS LIKE LETTING OUT WATER, SO ABANDON THE QUARREL BEFORE IT BREAKS OUT.
- PROVERBS 17:27** HE WHO RESTRAINS HIS WORDS HAS KNOWLEDGE, AND HE WHO HAS A COOL SPIRIT IS A MAN OF UNDERSTANDING.
- PROVERBS 19:11** A MAN'S DISCRETION MAKES HIM SLOW TO ANGER, AND IT IS HIS GLORY TO OVERLOOK A TRANSGRESSION.
- PROVERBS 21:23** HE WHO GUARDS HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLES.
- PROVERBS 22:24** DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH A MAN GIVEN TO ANGER; OR GO WITH A HOT-TEMPERED MAN,
- PROVERBS 25:28** LIKE A CITY THAT IS BROKEN INTO AND WITHOUT WALLS IS A MAN WHO HAS NO CONTROL OVER HIS SPIRIT.
- EPHESIANS 4:31** LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH AND ANGER AND CLAMOR AND SLANDER BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, ALONG WITH ALL MALICE.

MAY GOD HELP US TO WISELY WALK WITHOUT ANGER.

LOOKING UP!

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