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vs19 Ref. vs 26 - Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a **tight rein on their tongues** deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

- An example of a person not doing the word and of one doing it!
- Religious – here refers to the outward acts of religion!!
- Such as giving to the needy, fasting, public acts of praying and worshiping!
- KEEP a tight rein on his tongue..... Ref. =

Matthew 6:1 - Giving to the Needy

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

- This verse introduces the discussion of three acts of righteousness –
- Giving, Praying and Fasting!
- **Jesus’ concern here is the motives behind such acts.....**
- Fleshly or spiritual rewards!!!!!!

ANGER

Noun = a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility.

synonyms: rage, vexation, exasperation, displeasure, crossness, irritation, irritability, indignation, pique

verb = fill (someone) with anger; provoke anger in.

synonyms: infuriate, irritate, exasperate, irk, vex, peeve, madden, put out;

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV) –

²⁶ **“In your anger do not sin”**: Do not let the sun go down while you are still **angry**, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

BECAUSE IF YOU DO...YOU GIVE THE DEVIL A FOOTHOLD!!!!

In Your ANGER

- Christians do not lose their emotions at conversion!!!!!!
- BUT, their emotions should be purified....
- Some anger is sinful....
- Some anger is not....

DO NOT let the sun go down on your ANGER

- **NO ANGER** is to outlast the day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Psalm 4:4 - Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

- Don't look for a scapegoat due to your anger.....
- At the end of the day we are to...
- Search our own hearts and put our trust in the Lord!!!!!!!!!!

In Your Anger Do Not Sin – Paul used these words in a different context in Eph:26

- Today I want to deal with a subject that has the effect of touching many of us!
- **ANGER!!!!**
- Anger is listed in the bible nearly 300 times.
- **How do you deal with ANGER?????**
- Anger can be dealt with in many areas and forms!!!
- **How does your ANGER come out?????**

Exodus 32:15-19 –

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.

¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸ Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹ 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.

- Even though we feel that Moses had a right to be **ANGRY.....**
- God **did not allow his excuse.....**
- ***We make excuses for our behavior***...such as –
- Well, she made me mad
- God doesn't intend on my being a door mat
- Or even **SIN MAKES ME MAD!!!!**
- ***BUT, God did not honor Moses for his anger!!!!***
- Look what happens in Exodus 34:1

Exodus 34:1 – The New Stone Tablets

34 The Lord said to Moses, **“Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones,** and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, **which you broke.**

- **God** will often remind us of what **our ANGER** has caused or cost us!!!
- Chisel out – redo what you've already ***stubbornly done & Anger caused!***

Exodus 34:4-7 - ⁴So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, **the Lord**. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, ***slow to anger***, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to ***thousands***, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Thousands = (*Generations*) of wickedness, rebellion and sin!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- God himself chiseled out the first set of tablets out of rock....
- But the second set Moses had to cut out....
- **Do you need to chisel out the third set?????**
- Since he sinned through his **ANGER!!!!!!** He had to pay a price.....

The Bible teaches us that we are to **be more like HIM....**

- **Slow to ANGER..... DO you have a problem getting ANGRY quickly?????**
- HOT tempered??????
- HOT headed??????
- Then **WE ARE NOT being like Christ!!!!!!**

John 18:10-11 (NIV) – Peter was not being Christ like =

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear.

¹¹ **Jesus commanded** Peter, **“Put your sword away!** Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

- Often points to suffering and the wrath of God!!!!!!
- John says it came from the Father...
- **Meaning God was in complete control!!!!!!!!!!**

Luke 22:50-51 – ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But **Jesus answered**, **“No more of this!”** And he touched the man’s ear and **healed him**.

Healed him – Only found in Luke

- Jesus rectified the wrong doing of his follower.
- No Faith on Malchus was involved
- Jesus could not allow Peter's violent act to stand uncountered...
- It would have been contrary to Jesus' own teaching!!!!!!

1 Timothy 2:8 – ⁸Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands **without anger or disputing.**

- Instead of saying what you want
- Or think someone deserves
- Say what God would have you say – PRAY!!!!!!

Reminder: James 1:19-20 – ¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: **Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,** ²⁰because **human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.**

- **Our ANGER** can lead us to **DANGER** if we are not careful...
- **ANGER** will destroy us...
- Eat us like Cancer...
- And then **laugh at us**....
- Making us **feel guilty**....
- **Embarrassed**... and even
- **UNSAVED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

ANGER IS ONLY ONE LETTER AWAY FROM DANGER.... WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO CROSS THE LINE.... BECAUSE THE NEXT STEP ISN'T VERY PRETTY!!!!!!!!!!

DANGER =

Noun - the possibility of suffering harm or injury.

synonyms: peril, hazard, risk, jeopardy;

Unchecked or Uncontrolled Anger will lead to Danger

- Have you lost your witness
- Do you feel separated from Christ due to your anger
- Have you hurt someone because of your out of control anger

???Have you hidden behind and justified your anger long enough???

CLOSE:

Psalm 55:22 – ²² Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

- Once more, assurance of **being heard**...
- A testimony to all who are assembled at “My Church” again today!!!!
- God is big enough to take your Anger before it becomes danger.

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PRAISE TEAM:

James 1:26 - Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a **tight rein on their tongues** deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

Do Not Be Deceived – Keep a tight rein on your tongue!!!

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