

LifeGroup Questions

Walk Different

Based On: Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32, 5:1-3

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Overview – Parallel Passages

ANGER

Matthew 5:21-22 ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder,’ ^e and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Colossians 3:8 ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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

Proverbs 22:24-25 ²⁴ Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, ²⁵ or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

Proverbs 15:8 ¹⁸ A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

PURITY

1 Corinthians 6:18 ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 ³ It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body ^a in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

Hewbrews 13:4 ⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Matthew 5:27-28 ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ^j ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Romans 13:13-14 ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Bible Study Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32, 5:1-3

1. At some point we have probably all have said, “You make me so angry.” This puts the blame for your anger on someone else. Even when someone doesn’t do things according to your expectations, how can you take responsibility for your own feelings?

2. In what ways does not dealing with your anger lead to the devil getting a foothold in your life?
3. How do you know if you are considered an angry person? Is this something you can determine yourself or do you need to seek the opinion of others?
4. According to the Bible is it right to become angry? When is anger okay and when does it become a sin?
5. In what ways have your interactions with Christians shaped how you deal with anger? Has it had a positive or negative influence? Explain.
6. Think of someone who you find it difficult to be around without getting angry. What steps can you take over the next week to show this person love and to control your feelings?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18. How would you explain to a nonbeliever that sexual immorality is a sin? How would you support your argument?
8. Read Matthew 5:27-28. In what ways can you guard your heart, mind, and eyes against all the sexually provocative material in the world today?
9. God has called all believers to walk differently than the world. We are to walk differently in how we deal with anger, sexual purity, our speech, attitudes, and actions. How can you walk differently and still relate to those around you?