



Brent Warkentin Lead Pastor We get angry when there is a "wrongdoing" or when things just don't go our way.

GOOD / APPROPRIATE	BAD / INAPPROPRIATE
ANGER	ANGER
	angry about stuff not worth getting angry about

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.



¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



¹⁶ And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade."



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Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.



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¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple....



And Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when He had looked around at everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.



¹² A On the following day.... ¹⁴ And they came to Jerusalem. And Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple....



- 1) Is this really worth getting angry about?
- 2) Do I have all the facts?
- 3) Am I overly sensitive because I'm stressed, tired, busy, "hangry," etc.?
- 4) Am I assuming the worst because of a conflicted relationship?

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Self control: the inner strength to say, "No," to the bad things you want to do and, "Yes" to the good things you don't want to do. Anybody can become angry - that is easy. But to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

Aristotle

How do we gain more self-control?

- 1. Small steps, over time.
- 2. Ask for help from others.
- 3. Ask for help from God.

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