

THE POWER OF A GENTLE ANSWER

A Winsome Witness in the World – Part 2

"A gentle answer turns away wrath..." Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

"Be angry and do not sin." Ephesians 4:26a (ESV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:15 (NIV)

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1. AN UNEXPECTED EMOTION: _____

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Selah Psalms 4:4 (NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Romans 12:9 (NIV)

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. John 11:33 (NIV)

When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who had come with her also sobbing, He was deeply moved in spirit [to the point of anger at the sorrow caused by death] and was troubled, John 11:33 (AMP)

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. Romans 11:22 (NIV)

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [45] You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. [46] You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. [47] Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." [48] Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." [49] The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" [50] Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:44-50 (NIV)

- RAGING ANGER _____
- RIGHTEOUS ANGER – _____

2. AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE: BEHIND HIS GENTLENESS WAS
