# ANGER.

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#### 1 Timothy 6

<sup>12</sup> Paul told Timothy to "Fight the Good Fight."

Anger says . . . "YOU OWE ME." - Andy Stanley

Anger always has a NAME . . .

it's either your name, my name, or God's name.

## The TRUTH about Anger.

"Anger is the soil for 1,000 Sins."

"Anger will cost you more than you want to PAY and keep you longer than you want to STAY."

"Anger starts with a PERSON who owes you but eventually hurts EVERYONE around you."

Q: What makes you Angry?

Q: Who makes you Angry?

Q: How long do you plan on staying angry?

"Forgiveness is the decision to cancel a debt."

### **Ephesians 4**

- 31 <u>Get rid of</u> all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.
- Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, <u>forgiving one another</u>
  just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

## Forgiveness is . . .

Cancelling a debt they can NEVER pay.

"It's IMPOSSIBLE to know how much they OWE."

Cancelling a debt BEFORE they ask.

"It'll cost you more to CARRY the debt than to CANCEL the debt."

### An ACTION not a FEELING.

"Your story is an EXPLANATION for your feelings not an EXCUSE for your actions."

#### Matthew 18

- <sup>21</sup> Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone? Seven times?"
- <sup>22</sup> "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

"Forgiveness isn't a ONE-TIME action it's an EVERY-TIME decision."

#### Romans 12

Live in harmony with each other.Don't think you know it all!

- Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.
- <sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.
- <sup>19</sup> Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say . . .

"Vengeance is <u>MINE</u>.

I will repay." says the Lord.

(Deuteronomy 32:35)

<sup>20</sup> Instead . . .

"If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

If they are thirsty, give them something to drink."

(Proverbs 25:21-22)

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

## Forgiveness doesn't . . .

• IGNORE the *problem* - it finds a SOLUTION.

#### Luke 23

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

"Forgiveness is the primary way to show Jesus to others."

EXCUSE the person it removes your EXCUSES.

"Accepting God's forgiveness frees me from MY sin . . . offering forgiveness to others frees me from THEIR sin." - Andy Stanley

"Forgiveness isn't what they DESERVE it's what you DESIRE."

REMOVE the penalty it removes you as the JUDGE.

"Forgiveness is transferring their debt to God's account."

• CONTINUE the *pattern* - it stops the CYCLE.

"Forgiveness doesn't stop at EVEN it replaces EVIL with GOOD."

### Your Turn.

- 1. Make a list of WHO owes you WHAT.
- 2. Decide IF or WHEN you're ready to Forgive.
- 3. Thank God for HIS Forgiveness.
- 4. CANCEL the debt and CLOSE the case.