

Introduction:

- I. **Much of Our Anger is Sinful...** *Ecclesiastes 7:9*
- A. ***The Bible deals with anger a lot... Proverbs 15:1; 19:11, 19; James 1:20; Ephesians 4:31***
- B. ***Anger can be sinful even when we believe our cause is righteous... Genesis 49:5-7; 1 Samuel 25:2ff***
- C. ***There is a Righteous Anger...***
 - 1. It must have a righteous principle...
 - 2. It can't be motivated by self-interest... *Matthew 5:22; James 4:1-2*

Observation:

- II. **God is Often Described as Angry...**
- A. ***It is situation specific... Ezekiel 16:26 cf. Exodus 32; Numbers 13 & 14; 22:22; 25:3; 32***
- B. ***It is always measured and appropriately directed...***
- C. ***It can be intense... Exodus 32:10-11; Deuteronomy 6:15; 6:4; 11:17; Mark 3***

Observation:

- III. ***The Christian and Appropriate Anger...***
- A. ***Under control...***
- B. ***Be slow to anger as God is slow to anger... Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Nahum 1:3***

Observation: Appropriate anger and anger measured and under control is a mark of spiritual maturity...
1 Corinthians 13:5; Proverbs 16:32

- C. ***Anger must not be divisive... 1 Peter 2:23***
- D. ***It must be timely and properly directed...***
- E. ***Always influenced by mercy...***

Application: