

Sunday Morning, June 14, 2015
God's Solution to Sinful Anger
Ephesians 4:26-27; Romans 12:17-21

- I. What Are God's Responsibilities? Must Never Be Angry over God's Responsibilities
 - A. Distinguish Your Responsibilities from God's Responsibilities
Rom. 12:19; Exo. 34:7 Jn. 21:20-22

 - B. 'Delegate' Back to God His Responsibilities
Phil. 4:6, 7; 1 Pet. 5:7; Matt. 6:33

- II. What Are Your Rights? Must Never Be Angry over Unrealized Rights and Desires
 - A. Distinguish Your Responsibilities from Your Rights and Desires

 - B. 'Delegate' Back to God Your Rights and Desires
Matt. 16:24-26; Jn. 1:12

- III. What Are the Biblical Responses?
 - A. Say the Truth in Love Eph. 4:15, 4:25
Prov. 27:5-6; Matt. 18:15; Lk. 17:3b-4

 - B. Respond with Mercy of Forgiveness Eph. 4:25

 - C. Respond with Grace of Doing Them Good Rom. 12:20
Matt. 5:44

 - D. Wait for the Lord
 - 1. Waiting for the Lord
Ps. 4:4; Ps. 37:7-9; Rom. 12:21; 1 Pet. 5:7; Ps. 109:4; Ps. 27:13-14

 - 2. Waiting Toward Others—patience
1 Cor. 13:4; Ps. 27:13-14

Quotes

Jones on Forgiveness: when we hold a grudge and refuse to forgive, what does that say about us?

1. You are forgetting the size of the massive sin debt for which God forgave you.
Matt. 18:21-35; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13
2. You are declaring that you do not need God's forgiveness in your life.
Matt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35; Mk. 11:25
3. You are declaring that you do not need God's mercy on the day of judgment.
Mic 6:8; Matt. 5:7; Jas. 2:13
4. You are assuming God's role as Judge. Gen. 50:19; Rom. 12:19; Jas. 4:12
5. You are forgetting the fact that the offender, as a sinner, is in one sense deceived and enslaved by his sin. You lack compassion. Lk. 23:34a; Jn. 8:34; Eph. 4:30-5:2; Col. 3:12-14
6. You are forgetting the fact that you, as a sinner, are capable of the same sin and that the same root sin may already reside in you. Prov. 16:18; Jer. 17:9; 1 C or 10:12; Heb. 3:12-13

“Anger has a dark side . . . It has incredible potential to destroy. It digresses into a black energy that demands immediate release and relief. It despises being vulnerable and helpless. It relishes staying in control. It loathes dependence on God and so gains macabre pleasure in spreading the poison of mistrust. Ironically, this sort of anger – unrighteous anger – turns on us. It is a liar, offering us satisfaction, when in truth it guts us and leaves us empty.”
(Joni E Tada, When God Weeps)