



A Love Worth Giving 1 Corinthians 13

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The Headwaters of Anger

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, **It is not easily angered**, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

2 Types of Anger

Righteous Anger

²But Nahash the Ammonite replied, "I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel."

⁴When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger. 1 Samuel 11:2, 6 (NIV)

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

Unrighteous Anger

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Genesis 4:3-5 (NIV)

Sort It Out

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?" Genesis 4:6 (NIV)

Watch It

"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:7 (NIV)

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. James 3:6 (NIV)

Lose the Battle, Win the War

The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Genesis 4:10-12 (NIV)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. Philippians 2:14-16a (NIV)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV)