

“It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World”

1. God wants you to get angry.

King David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” 2 Samuel 12:5-6

Proverbs 6:16-19

2. Anger tells us something is wrong and needs to be dealt with.

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.”

Matthew 21:12-13

John 11:33 NLT

3. Human anger is dangerous.

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

James 1:19-20

4. Dealing with anger:

- Give yourself time for self-control.

One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city.

Proverbs 16:32 NRSV

- **Beware of hypocrisy.**

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" 2 Samuel 12:5

- **Don't seek revenge.**

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:19 ESV

- **Filter your thoughts through the heart of Jesus.**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

5. Two overarching principles:

- **Don't follow the cultural crowd.**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Romans 12:2a NLT

- **Anger doesn't get the final word.**

...we were by nature deserving of wrath, but because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ...

Ephesians 2:3b-5a