

RESPECTABLE SINS

Confronting the Sins we Tolerate

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“Regardless of how moral and spiritual we have been, the debt of our sin is enormous. The damage to God’s glory by our sin is determined not by the severity of our sin but by the value of God’s glory...Every sin we commit, regardless of how insignificant it seems to us, is an assault on His infinite glory.” [Respectable Sins, pg 137]

IMPATIENCE & IRRITABILITY

Impatience can be defined as a strong sense of annoyance at the unintentional _____ and _____ of others; often expressed verbally with the intent to _____ the object of our impatience. Some common causes:

- Having to explain things more than once.
- Slow service due to the thoughtlessness of another person.
- Those with whom we work do not progress at a rate that we feel they should

Irritability is defined as the _____ of impatience or the _____ to which a person can become impatient at the slightest provocation.

How do we confront and conquer these sins?

- **L**_____ - I Corinthians 13:4-8 tells us love is patient, not easily provoked, will bear all and endure all things.
- See also Prov 19:11 and 1 Peter 4:8
- **C**_____ - In 1 Peter 2:23 we are told that Jesus did not retaliate but instead committed Himself to the Father who will judge righteously.

ANGER

Robert Jones states *“Anger is a universal problem, prevalent in every culture, experienced by every generation. No one is isolated from its presence or immune from its poison. It permeates each person and spoils our most intimate relationships. Anger is a given part of our fallen human fabric.”*

DEFINING THE TERMS

Anger - is a strong feeling of _____ and usually antagonism.

Resentment - is anger _____ on to. Here anger is _____. We dwell on the fact that we have been wronged.

Bitterness - is resentment that _____ into ongoing _____. Seen in statements like “I have forgiven them, but I will have nothing to do with them.”

Enmity & Hostility is anger expressed _____, often in _____ speech directed toward the object of our anger.

Grudge implies that there is a _____ on our part that _____ be taken on the object of our anger.

Strife is the climax of our anger and is in no way “respectable”. Strife is open _____ or turmoil between two parties.

Anger is never static. If we do not deal with anger, it will grow and worsen to the highest level. It is an infectious poison that will destroy. So then, how do we deal with the problem of anger?

DEFEATING THE SIN

TRUST IN A _____ GOD. We must like Joseph understand that all things happen to us by God’s design. Men may mean it for evil, but God intends it for good. (Gen 50:20)

PRAY TO GROW IN _____ (1 Peter 4:8)

F _____ AS GOD FORGAVE (Eph 4:32) God forgave a debt far greater than any hurt we have ever endured or will endure; yet in love He chose to forgive you.