

The Letter of James: Transformed by Christ

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Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:19-21

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Receiving the Gospel Makes Us Slow to Anger

1. Resist anger (v.19)

- This is a command for every Christian.
- Anger is often expressed in speech, so be quick to listen and be slow to speak.

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2. Anger doesn't produce a life that pleases God (v.20-21a)

- In this context, "righteousness" refers to a life that is pleasing to God (cf. Matthew 5:20-22).

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Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Titus 3:1-3

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1. Resist anger (v.19)

2. Anger doesn't produce a life that pleases God (v.20-21a)

3. Continue to receive the gospel (v.21b)

- The word that is planted is the message that Jesus has begun a new kingdom.
- We receive it because it's a free gift; given by grace, not earned.
- We receive it with meekness because we follow a King who was meek.

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