

Lesson: OLD MAN ANGER

Last week's request was "could we study what the Bible means by becoming angry, but sin not?" In that study we covered "Justifiable Anger". (Eph.4: 26; Psa.4: 4; Rom.12: 19).

This week's request is "would you please do a study on anger and why it seems so difficult to get rid of it in the Christian Way of Life (CWL)?"

There are two Greek words for anger in the Bible: **thumos** and **orge**:

- **Thumos** indicates a more agitated condition of feelings, an outburst of wrath from inward indignation
- **Orge** suggests a more settled or abiding condition of mind, frequently with a view to taking vengeance." (Vine's Expository Dictionary of biblical Words, pg.26, anger)

These two Greek words are used to show the main sources for anger in the Christian Way of Life (CWL):

- **The Old Sin Nature (OSN)**
- **Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking.**
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<p>This lesson will study FOUR aspects Old Man Anger in the CWL.</p>

1. *Thumos* anger is most often identified with the Old Sin Nature (OSN) (2 cor.12: 20-21; Gal.5: 16-23).

People tend not to view this type of anger as a problem in life. It is usually a result of an irritation causing a quick flare-up and is not spiteful. It doesn't threaten one's insecurities.

Application of (1 John 1:9) takes care of the sin and returns the believer to the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph.5: 18; 1 Cor.6: 19-20).

2. The anger that is most difficult to get rid of, in the CWL is *Orge* because it's attached to your Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) core beliefs (Col.3: 8-10; Eph.4: 22-24, 31-32).

People view this type of anger as a problem in life. They ask, "why are you always so resentful, angry and defensive?" (Prov.22:24-25; 29:22).

"Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, for anger resides in the bosom of fools." (Eccl.7: 9) Anger in the heart is Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking, looking for an occasion to lash out.

Agape love is not easily provoked to anger (1 Cor.13: 5/ paroxuno).

3. Orge anger is a symptom of the presence of Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking. (Prov.30: 33).

Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking is built upon the premise of ½ truth and ½ lie which equals a Satanic lie (Gen.3: 7-13; 2 Cor.11: 3). It often results in neurotic behavior, such as covering up misbehavior, hiding from reality, fear of the truth, anger, guilt and blame because *Orge* anger is attached to the believer's core belief system, insecurities and doubts. (Jas.1: 8; Heb.12: 15).

4. Those faults least tolerated in others, become a cause of anger in us revealing our Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking.

A Mirror reflection is an exaggerated response to a negative emotion that triggers something in the core belief of our Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking (Luke 15:28-32/ 15:28 - orge).

The typical manner of dealing with our Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) behavior is to repress it (cop out), suppress it (drop out), express it (pop out) or confess it (put out), but these methods don't get rid of it.

5. To overcome Orge Anger you must begin with the basics of the Divine Operating Assets (DOA), like:

- **the Filling of The Holy Spirit (FHS) (Gal.5:16-17)**
- **Apply the faith cycle (Rom.10:17; 2 Cor.5:7)**
- **Maintain your spiritual growth momentum (2 Pet.3: 18; Heb.5: 13-14).**

Then, as a spiritually mature believer, you can "put off" the Old Man, Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking by "putting on" the New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) thinking (Eph.4: 13-24; Rom.12: 2; Prov.23: 7).

*“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away (**airo/ a.p.impv3ps**) from you, along with all malice. And be (**ginomai/ p.a.impv.2pl**) kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” (Eph.4:31-32)*