

ANGER

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

Paul said that the answer to anger in the believer's life is to FOCUS ON GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE.

Paul gave this advice in a passage where he explains that **God's love never fails** (1 Cor.13:4-8a)

In this same passage, Paul gives 7 examples of what God's love is and 8 examples of what God's love is not.

Since our subject is anger, we will examine the 8 examples of what God's love is NOT (13:4-7).

Is not jealous	does not brag
Is not arrogant	does not act unbecomingly
Does not seek its own	is not easily provoked (to anger / paroxuno)
Does not take into account a wrong suffered	does not rejoice in unrighteousness

Being easily provoked to anger reveals a conditional self-serving love.

God's love is unconditional and sacrificial on the part of the one giving. Most spiritual advancing believers who have a choice will withdraw from conditional self-serving love, if possible.

It is humanly impossible to produce God's love by the flesh or by worldly thinking.

1. God's love (agape) was supernaturally poured into the believer's heart at the moment of salvation.

"The love of God was poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Rom.5:5)

"But God demonstrated His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom.5:8; John 3:16-17)

"We know love by this that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16)

2. God's love (agape) is supernaturally produced in the believer's life by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal.5:22-23)

It is not the artificial love produced by the flesh by worldly thinking: "Men loved (agape) the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

(John 21:15-17)

Simon, son of John, do you love Me ?	Yes, Lord: You know	Tend My lambs
Simon, son of John, do you love Me ?	Yes, Lord; You know	Shepherd My sheep
Simon, son of John, do you love Me ?	Lord, You know all things	Tend My sheep

In John 13:31-38, Peter sat in Jesus' bible class and attended the agape feast and yet missed the lesson on God's love because he thought me understood it and didn't pay attention. Therefore, he is getting it again. What about you?