

The Use of Our Tongue: Anger

'...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.' –Mathew 12:34b.

* **What is inside a man ultimately comes out**

-This is what defiles him (Mathew 15:18)

* ***Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9)***

-A man who cannot control his spirit regarding anger cannot be an effective witness for the Lord

-He is compared to a fool.

* **Is anger ever justified?**

-Ephesians 4:26 vs Ephesians 4:31

* **What about 'righteous anger': what is this?**

-Most often used example of 'righteous anger': Jesus driving money changers from temple (John 2:13-16, Luke 19: 45-46)

-How did Jesus express anger? **With grief/sorrow over the offender (Mark 3:5)**. Is this how our anger is expressed- with sorrow over the offender being in his error?

* **Potential consequences of unbridled anger**

Moses (Exodus 32:19 and Numbers 20:10-11)

David (In the story of Nabal with Abigail interceding)

Paul before Ananias (Acts 23: 1-5)

**God's grace is sufficient to provide salvation from the spirit of anger and its expression in unkind words.
Amen**