


An explosion of grace -
Being Shaped like Jesus

Anger in itself is not sin.
But in our flesh,
with the enemy's help, anger leads to sin

Expressed Repressed



Ephesians 4:22-31
God is really be serious
• Don't sin in anger
• Don't let the sun go down on it
• Don't give the devil a foothold

Anger's sinful potential

- Actions
- Holding on to it
- Enemy's use of it

Anger's sinful potential

- Verbal Expressions
 - Speak
 - In love
 - Silence may not be golden
 - It may be sinful
- Other Expressions


Anger's sinful potential

- Possession of it
- Repression of truth
- Repression of love
- As anger is nurtured, other things grow

When we act in our anger
or we hold on to it,
then we move into sinful behavior.

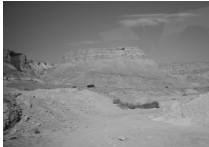
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- Enemy establishes a foothold



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- Enemy establishes a foothold
 - Which creates potential for his stronghold



Good news - God has a plan!

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Something happens . . .

And a lie takes root

It becomes "truth"

It impacts how we think

It impacts how we act

It causes us to tolerate or commit sin



Because we believe it ...

We can't operate in truth

We live in bondage

We participate in the enemy's plan



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John 2
Mark 3
Matthew 21

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Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5-7
Mark 7
Luke 6

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Mark 1
Luke 10
Matthew 26

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Three things

- Pray
- Read the Word
- Obey

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Wage war against anger - be distinctly different.
God's divine power demolishes strongholds.
God's divine power demolishes arguments against victory over sinful anger.
God's divine power demolishes pretensions that we know more than He does about the problem.
Overpower and defeat every thought that says anything other than what Jesus says about your situation.

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