

Anger

Ready:

David had just said, "I guarded everything that belonged to this man in the wilderness for nothing. He was not missing anything, yet he paid me back evil for good. May God punish me, and even more if I let any of his men survive until morning." – 1 Samuel 25:21-22

Set

What causes you to be angry? Brian Barnes set a record for the most putts ever needed to sink a three-footer during the 1968 French Open. After blowing an easy putt for par, Barnes tried to rake the ball back into the cup and missed. Losing total control, he hit the ball back and forth over the cup until he finally holed out. The result—a 12!

King David knew about anger. He had protected Nabal's servants and land, allowing the servants to work without fear and thus produce more. When David sent some of his men for a portion of the harvest in which to feed his men, Nabal refused to give them anything. David exploded and was ready to kill Nabal and every male in his family.

Does your anger sometimes cause you to lose control? As followers of Jesus, we are called to a higher standard. We are called to forgive those who upset us. Sure, it's a challenge, but if we think about the forgiveness God has given us, we might be a little easier on those we feel don't deserve to be forgiven.

Go

1. What makes you angry?
2. What have you done to help control your anger?
3. How do you think God could help you get control of your anger?

Workout

Job 5:2

Psalms 37:8

Proverbs 14:16

Overtime

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a God of mercy. Teach me to be slow to anger and quick to remember your grace and mercy. Amen.

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