

mean we can by God's grace respond calmly to another's anger.

Paul stated the matter this way: "If it is possible, *as much as depends on you*, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). We must be peacemakers even if others refuse to be. Obedience is our job; the rest we leave to God.

We want a word that always works, an easy solution, a quick fix. But some things in this broken world can't be fixed no matter what we do, so we must rely on God's grace to deal with them from day to day.

Calm, quiet words may not always turn away another's wrath. You may be grieved because they go unheeded, but you can never go wrong with a soft answer. —DHR

*Help me guard my lips, O Savior;
Keep me sweet when sorely tried,
Answers soft to others giving,
Meekly swallowing my pride. —Bosch*

To handle a hard situation, try a soft answer.



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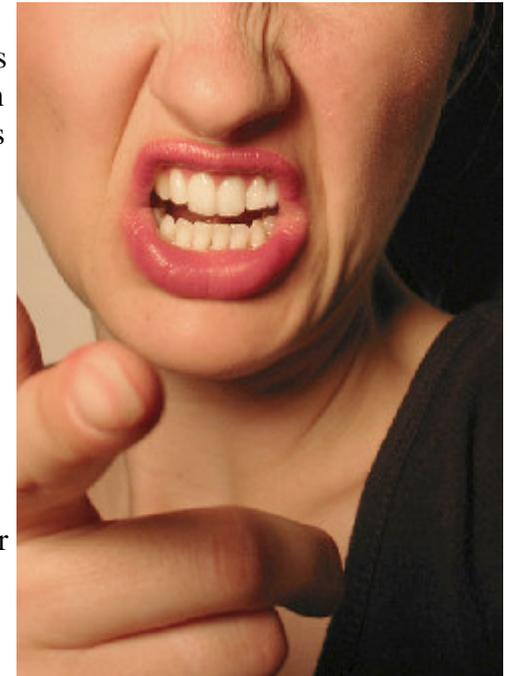
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A Soft Answer

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. —Romans 12:18

Proverbs 15:1 tells us that "a soft answer turns away wrath." While it's true that a humble response to wrath will normally cause it to subside, it's equally true that some people will never be pacified. Because of long-term bitterness and resentment, the tide of their wrath runs too high.

The only thing we can do—and the thing we must always do—is be meek and lowly in the face of their anger and leave the consequences with God. This doesn't mean we must stay in an abusive situation, for no one has the right to mistreat another human being. But it does



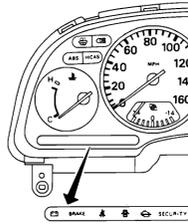


Soaring: Dropping the Heavy Baggage- Anger-2

(Ephesians 4:26) *"Be angry, and do not sin": ...*

Jesus taught on anger in Matthew 5:21-26. From that passage we can make three statements about anger:

1. **Anger is serious**, verses 21-22
2. **Anger is sometimes justified**, verses 22
3. **Anger requires** _____,



There are three important actions, that a feeling of anger requires:

1. _____ **the underlying** _____, verses 21-22, 44



(Genesis 49:5-7) *"Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place. {6} Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; For in their anger they slew a man, {7} Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel!"*
(James 1:20) *"for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."*

(1 Peter 5:6-7) *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, {7} casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."*

(Romans 12:19) *"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath..."*

2. _____ **with the** _____ **party**, verses 23-25



(Ephesians 4:26-27) *"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, {27} nor give place to the devil."*

(Matthew 18:15) *"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone...."*

(Romans 12:18) *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."*

(Proverbs 15:1) *"A soft answer turns away wrath,"*

3. _____ **with control**,

(Ephesians 4:31-32) *"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*

{32} *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just*



as God in Christ forgave you."

(Galatians 5:22-23) *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control..."*

(James 1:19) *"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"*

(Proverbs 12:16) *"A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent man covers shame."*

(Proverbs 14:17) *"A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, ..."*

(Proverbs 14:29) *"He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly."*

(Proverbs 25:28) *"Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls."*

(Proverbs 22:24-25) *"Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, {25} Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul."*

(1 Timothy 2:8) *"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;"*

