

WE CAN'T IGNORE OUR HEARTS

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalms 51:10)

WE CAN'T TRUST OUR HEARTS

SIN INTRODUCED A WHOLE NEW SET OF EMOTIONS THAT NEVER HAD BEEN FELT BEFORE

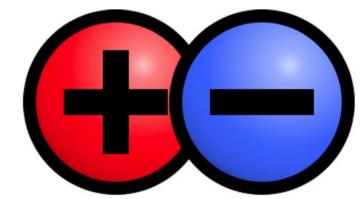
Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." (Gen 3:7-10)

LOVE

HOPE/DESIRE

JOY





ANGER

FEAR/ANXIETY

SADNESS

SHAME/HUMILIATION

JEALOUSY

COURAGE

PEACE







Injustice (Jhn 2:14-17, Mk 3:1-5)

Danger (1 Jhn 4:17-18)

SADNESS **LOSS** (**Rev** 21:4)

Dishonor (1 cor 6:5;15:34) SHAME/HUMILIATION

> **Disloyalty** (Ex 34:14, Jas 3:16) JEALOUSY



Good & Evil (Heb 1:9, Jhn 17:14)

David 1 Sam. 17

A WORLD OF INJUSTICE REQUIRES ANGER AT TIMES



Samson

Judg. 15

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John 2

And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God

> in Israel, (1 Sa 17:46).

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His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume Me." Jesus (Jn 2:17) S ANGER IMES However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord, for He was seeking an occasion against the

Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of

Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath

from the sons of Israel in that he was

jealous with My jealousy among them, so

that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in

My jealousy.

(Num 25:11)

Philistines. (Jdg 14:4) Phinehas

Num. 25

Samson

Judg. 15

This you know. my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear. slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. (**Jas 1:19–20**)

Anger can be caused by true injustice OR it can be caused by perceived injustice.

We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. (1 Jhn 3:12)

But he [the older brother] was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him... (Lk 15:28)

Anger can also lead to action that is sinful

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. (Eph 4:26-27)

So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." (Gen 4:5-7)

SO WHAT ARE WE TO DO ABOUT ANGER?

1. LEARN TO SLOW IT AND RULE IT

- He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city. (Pr 16:32)
- 2. DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PERCEIVED INJUSTICE AND TRUE INJUSTICE
 - But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' (Matt 20:13)

3. NEVER SEEK VENGEANCE

• Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (Rom 12:19)

4. BE KIND AND CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Eph 4:31-32)