

## Discipleship Principle

(The “anger of man” is not an acceptable or productive way to relate to others)

### Numbers 12

**12:1** Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. **2** "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this. **3** (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) **4** At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. **5** Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, **6** he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. 7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. 8 With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" **9** The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. **10** When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; **11** and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. **12** Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away." **13** So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!" **14** The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." **15** So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back. **16** After that, the people left Hazeroth and encamped in the Desert of Paran. (from New International Version)

*What the New Testament Teaches About Anger*  
(Passages from the NIV)

**Matt 5:21-22**

**21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.**

**2 Corinthians 12:20**

**20 For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.**

**Gal 5:19-21**

**19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Ephesians 4:26**

**26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,**

**Ephesians 4:31**

**31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.**

**Colossians 3:8**

**8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.**

**1 Timothy 2:8**

**8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.**

**James 1:20**

**20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.**

*Generally we become angry for one of three reasons: 1) someone hurt our feelings, 2) someone violated our rights, 3) someone interrupted our schedule.*

***Godly anger** is controlled, directed at sinful behaviors, and always has as its purpose the restoration of the person to fellowship with God and others. The **anger of man** (ungodly anger) is unrestrained, directed at other people, and is always for the purpose of hurting another.*

