**Text**: James 1:19-20

**Topic**: Anger/Anger of Man

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**When You’re Angry**

“Controlling your anger before it controls you.”

**Text**: **James 1:19-20**, “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; **20**for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Engage** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.19A**

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**Point #2**: **Bite** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.19B**

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**Point #3**: **Count** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.19C**

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**Point #4**: **Consider** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.20**

**Corollary verses**: Ephesians 4:26; James 1:26, 3:1-12, 4:1-3, 11-12, 5:12; Revelation 2:7; Psalm 78:1; Proverbs 12:15, 17:28; Matthew 15:10-11; Colossians 3:8; Proverbs 29:11; Exodus 34:6; Psalm 103:8; Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 5:22, 12:36.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Psalm 78:1**, **Proverbs 12:15**, and **Revelation 2:7** then answer the following questions. Which verse identifies the conviction of the Holy Spirit? Which passage conveys the importance of listening to God’s word? And which scripture encourages you to carefully listen to the advice of other believers? Why is the discipline of listening absolutely essential in the life a of Christ follower? How can you cultivate this discipline?

2.) Read **Proverbs 17:28**, **Matthew 15:10-11**, and **Colossians 3:8** then answer the following questions. What kind of positive character traits are attributed to someone who keeps silent? What kind of motivation does Matthew provide in learning to bite our tongues? What should our relationship be with critical comments?

3.) Read **Exodus 34:6**, **Psalm 103:8-9**, and **Proverbs 16:32** then answer the following questions. How does Scripture repeatedly describe the anger of God? Because anger is such a powerful emotion, what kind of man or woman is able to control it? If God wants his children to reflect his character and nature, what practical step can we take to slow down our own anger?

4.) Read **Matthew 5:22** and **Matthew 12:36** then answer the following questions. Does God care when we use derogatory names to express our displeasure with other people? What is a careless word in the context of Matthew 12? Are you inspired to change your vocabulary when speaking to your family, wife, parents, boss, coworkers, classmates, teammates, other drivers on the road?