



The Lytle Light

You Are The Light Of The World.

– Matthew 5:14a ^[NKJV]

Believers are appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM – Bible Study | 10:45AM – Worship | 12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)
Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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SLOOOOOWWWW TO ANGER

This is a second article on anger and the Christian (First article was a two-parter in the September 7th and 14th bulletins). Why two articles? Because it's needed in our current culture of political polarization, declining trust in institutions (including the church), the Federal budget deficit, threats to democratic norms, economic concerns, social fragmentation, division on abortion, racial inequality and tension, LGBTQ+ rights, loss of shared reality, not to mention homelessness, the opioid crisis, and hunger. So facing all that we face today, how can we be sloooooowwww to anger?

The Bible deals with anger in several places. But let's start at the beginning: One of the most challenging verses and Christian responsibilities in all Scripture is found in James 1:19, where

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WELCOME VISITOR!

If You're Visiting Today, We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship •
- Announcements •
- Scripture Reading •
- Opening Prayer •

Not In Book – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
443 – Purer In Heart, O God

- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •

332 – Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

385 – Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims

- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

600 – Let Him Have His Way With Thee

- Baptism •

174 – The Lord's Supper



- Lord's Supper •
- Prayer: Offering & Closing •

- Final Announcements •

- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



SERMON

– THE FIRST GOSPEL SERMON –

- *SERMON SCRIPTURE* •

The First Gospel Sermon

- *SERMON OUTLINE* •

INTRODUCTION – (1) *The First Pentecost* (a) *Joel And John The Baptist* (b) *Judgment And Salvation At Hand!* (2) *Peter's Sermon* (a) *First, A Diversion* (b) *A Crucified, Risen, And Exalted Lord!*

- I. The Sermon
 - A. Jesus Attested By God
 - B. Jesus Put To Death
 - C. Jesus Raised From The Dead
 - D. Jesus Exalted As Lord And Christ
- II. The Response
 - A. The Reaction
 - B. The Reply
 - C. The Result

CONCLUSION – (1) *Amazing Conclusion To Amazing Events* (2) *What Should Be Our Response*

- *INVITATION* •

WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: *TBA* —

2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING
REPAST
- DECEMBER 28 – “NEW YEARS EVE”
FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!

2026 FELLOWSHIPS

- MARCH 8 – PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS
- MAY 31 – POTLUCK
- JULY 26 – POTLUCK



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where God instructs us to be “slow to anger.” Scripture does not say to never, ever be angry (cf. Ephesians 4:26), but God clearly directs us to be slow to get there. In other verses, we read of the Lord’s expectations for us to exercise self-control (Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-7), to be “temperate in all things” (1 Corinthians 9:27; cf. Titus 2:2), etc.

So, how? How can I (we) be “slow to anger”? This is not just some academic exercise in this article; this is a real need in the lives of all Christians today to master their tempers and control their anger. The most practical sections in all of Scripture for children of God today (the book of Proverbs, the book of James and the 12th chapter of Romans) give us divine insight into how to successfully slow our anger.

The book of Proverbs states, “A quick-tempered man acts foolishly” (14:17), but “he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty” (16:32). Inspiration then reveals these insights: “The discretion (good sense, ESV) of a man makes him slow to anger” (19:11). The “glory” of the one who is “slow to anger” “is to overlook a transgression” (19:11). “He who restrains his lips is wise” (10:19). “The slow to anger calms a dispute” (15:18, NASB), “quiets contention” (ESV).

Romans 12 presents the practical respon-

sibilities of the one who is “a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God” (v. 1). Putting these principles of Romans 12 into practice will enable a faithful Christian to be slow to anger: Do not think of self “more highly than [you] ought to think” (v. 3). “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another... continuing steadfastly in prayer... bless and do not curse... Be of the same mind toward one another... Do not be wise

in your own opinion... Repay no one evil for evil... live peaceably with all men... give place to wrath... overcome evil with good” (12:10-21).

The wonderfully practical book of James teaches us that “the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God” (1:20), therefore, anger ought to be very, VERY slow in developing in our hearts, as we “lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls” (1:21). How can we do that? “Be swift to hear.” “Be...slow to speak” (1:19). Be “peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits” (3:17).

How can I (we) be “slow to anger”? By letting God and His Word work on my (our) heart, I (we) can, with His help, slow my (our) anger! **END**



²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

– 1 Corinthians 9:27



Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUSNESS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World – *Flash Flooding In Texas & Loss Of Life*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sickneses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries
- Additional People/Situations For Which To Pray :

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME. A SUPERSCRIPTED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., ^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEKS THE ENTRY HAS BEEN IN THE BULLETIN.

OCTOBER 26

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – He had surgery Wednesday, October 29 to remove a melanoma from his elbow. *Praise To GOD!* the surgery went well. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Gingerella, Ed [Tom Woodard's friend] – *Praise To GOD!* he's been declared cancer free! ^[NEW]
- ◇ Lester, Bob [Ruane Renninger's brother] – He has a cancer on his forehead close to his eye. He underwent four hours of treatment Wednesday, October 29. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Scott [Vierling's son] – He's been diagnosed with A-Fib. He's to be scheduled for a series of tests... ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Mitchell – Undergoing a surgical procedure Monday, November 3. ^[NEW]

OCTOBER 26

- ◇ Brown Family – Colton, Abby, and kids ^[01]
- ◇ Brown, Diane Family [Natalia congregation member] – Diane passed sometime the week of August 25th. ^[01]
- ◇ Carlos Flores [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – He's to undergo surgery on Sunday, November 23. ^[01]
- ◇ Gonzalez, Joel [Lea Strunk's daughter, Judith's husband] – He's home recovering from surgery. ^[01]
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell – *Praise To GOD!* He's found employment and is hopeful it works out. He starts early November. ^[01]
- ◇ Persat, Diana [Deborah Smoot's cousin's wife] – She's been released from the

hospital but is in kidney failure and on dialysis three times a week. ^[01]

◇ Price, Dylan [Tom Woodard's friend, Renee Allsup's son] - He broke his leg (severe compound fracture) while trying to jump a fence. He's had surgery and two skin grafts. Neither graft has taken so they've laid one leg over the other hoping for a successful graft. If it doesn't work, he may have to have his leg amputated. ^[01]

◇ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling poorly off and on lately. ^[01]

◇ Spicer, Ronda - **Praise To GOD!** her recovery from surgery has improved enough so that she's begun to drive again. ^[01]

◇ Walker, Tony Family [Tiffany Geehan's (Smoot's daughter) good friend's father] - Tony passed into eternity Thursday, October 23, leaving his wife, two daughters and two sons, all longtime residents of Lytle. ^[01]

◇ Watkins, Betsy - She's still struggling with Congestive Heart Failure, edema and possible cellulitis (infection of the deep skin layers). She on an antibiotic and still sees home health care twice a week. ^[01]

OCTOBER 19

◇ Cashion, Corina - **Praise To GOD!** A recent scan showed the mass in her lung to be half its former size and her lymph nodes had no additional activity! ^[02]

◇ Coughron, Debbie [Betty Smith's nephew's spouse] - She first lost the use of her legs (myopathy). This may have been due to a statin (Lipitor) she was taking which can lead to rhabdomyolysis which in turn can cause kidney damage or failure. Scans have shown her liver has also been severely damaged. ^[02]

◇ Miller, Bob [Spouse of a friend of the

Watkins] - He broke his foot and will have surgery Tuesday, October 21. ^[02]

◇ Miller, Mary [Friend of the Watkins] - She had a complete mastectomy Tuesday, October 7. She will be starting chemo ^[02]

◇ Pinkney, Curtis [Sarah Turner's father] - A suspicious tumor was found on his kidney. He's having surgery/biopsy on Wednesday, November 12. ^[02]

◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodards' son-in-law] - **Praise To GOD!** His heart catheterization on Thursday, October 16 showed no concerning issues. ^[02]

◇ Vierling, Carlene - She continues to experience severe pain in her leg. ^[02]

OCTOBER 12

◇ Alderman, Kelly [Ronda Spicer's sister-in-law] - **Praise To GOD!** The tumor in her brain which was thought to be a slow-growing cancer was not. But the doctor(s) now believe she had a mini-stroke so her medicines have be changed. ^[03]

◇ McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family [Deanna Glaze, friend of the Watkins' granddaughter] - Ashley, was murdered Wednesday morning, October 8, 2025, being stabbed to death in Williamson County. Ashley's friend, Kilee, was also stabbed but survived. A suspect, Michael Flinders, has been arrested and charged with murder. ^[03]

◇ Rasmussen, Linda [Nurse friend of Deborah Smoot] - While in the hospital for back surgery, a scan found lung cancer. ^[03]

◇ Smoot, Deborah - **Praise To God!** She's been feeling better the last few days. She had 3 doctor's appointments this past week and hope to have some results this week. ^[03]

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ONGOING CONCERNS

All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21ST Week. If I Move Someone Off This Ongoing List That You Believe Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Andrews, Dale ^[04]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[14]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) ^[14]; Brown, J.D. Family ^[19]; Brown, Jane ^[09]; Burris, Joyce ^[06]; Clendenning, Carol ^[10]; Coughran, Brett ^[09]; Dober, Jerry Family ^[15]; Duncan, Roberta ^[15]; Gabehart, Tom ^[04]; Garay, Mary ^[07]; Gardner, Jim ^[11]; Gardner, Laura ^[12]; Gonzalez, Jackson ^[15]; Greer Family ^[13]; Guzman, Emily ^[12]; Jackson, April ^[09]; Johansen, Charles ^[12]; Holt, Claude ^[20]; Keese, Robert ^[09]; Kelly, Don ^[19]; Kennedy, Don ^[14]; King, Elizabeth Grace ^[14]; Lassen, Peter ^[03]; Leininger, Ellie ^[14]; Lett, Dale ^[12]; McMeans, Cody ^[15]; Montelago, Abe ^[18]; Matthews, Cody ^[17]; McMeans, Wendell ^[13]; McMeans, Velma ^[19]; Melendey, Max Family ^[17]; Moore, Angie ^[11]; Moore, Michael ^[09]; Renneniger, Ruane ^[10]; Roeder, Gayle ^[12]; Schilling, Gene ^[04]; Segers, Jacob ^[16]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[09]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[09]; Smogur, Joyce Family ^[15]; Smoot, Bailey ^[04]; Smoot, Dani'el ^[14]; Smoot, Deborah ^[14]; Smoot, Roger ^[06]; Sparks, Janice ^[20]; Sprute, Juanita ^[14]; Street, Cris ^[10]; Strunk, Billie ^[07]; Strunk, Lea Family ^[17]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[05]; Vela, Cheryl ^[15]; Vela, Maeve ^[15]; Vela, Olivia ^[15]; Vierling, Carlene ^[14]; Vierling, Gene ^[06]; Wade, John ^[12]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

1 PETER 3:8-9

⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous ^[humble]; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

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²⁴ 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. – Proverb 22:24-25

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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| Melanie McMeans | Oct 27 | Birthday |
| Wendell McMeans | Oct 27 | Birthday |
| Cathy Vierling | Nov 9 | Birthday |
| Hannah Vierling | Nov 11 | Birthday |
| Betty Smith | Nov 13 | Birthday |
| Corina Cashion | Dec 3 | Birthday |
| Abby Vierling | Dec 11 | Birthday |
| Roger & Deborah Smoot | Dec 21 | Anniversary |
| Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski | Dec 29 | Aniversary |



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And December 31st And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| ----- Church Stuff ----- Church Stuff ----- Church Stuff ----- | |
| Generally - 4 th Or 5 th Sun, Every Other Sun | Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately Noon To Two |
| Every Thursday | Sewing Sisters (ALL Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From Noon To 2 For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly |
| Sun - Nov 9 | In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Restoration Plea</i> |
| Sun - Nov 16 | In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Christian Pharisees</i> |
| Sun - Nov 23 | In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Giving Thanks</i> |
| Sun - Nov 30 | In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Gospel & Salvation</i> |
| Sun - Nov 23 | Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal After Morning Worship |
| ----- Non-Church Stuff ----- Non-Church Stuff ----- Non-Church Stuff ----- | |
| Every Tue | Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM |
| Every 3 RD Mon | VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM |
| Sun - Nov 2 | National Deviled Eggs Day |
| Mon - Nov 3 | World Jellyfish Day & National Sandwich Day |
| Tue - Nov 4 | Election Day & National ¹ Candy And ² Day Of Community Service Days |
| Wed - Nov 5 | American Football Day & National ¹ Donut And ² Stress Awareness Days |
| Thu - Nov 6 | National ¹ Basketball And ² Nachos Days |
| Fri - Nov 7 | National ¹ Cancer Awareness Day And ² Chocolate With Almonds Days |
| Sat - Nov 8 | National ¹ Parents As Teachers Day And ² Cappuccino Days |
| Sun - Nov 9 | Go To An Art Museum Day & National Scrapple Day |
| Thu - Nov 27 | THANKSGIVING |



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GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



THE BIBLE IN “90” —

Read The Entire Bible Through In “90” Days (88 Plus Two Grace Days) = 4 Times Thru This Year!

SUN — Nov 2 — 2 Chr 23:16 - 2 Chr 35:15

MON — Nov 3 — 2 Chr 35:16 - Eza 10:44

TUE — Nov 4 — Neh 1:1 - Neh 13:14

WED — Nov 5 — Neh 13:15 - Job 7:21

THU — Nov 6 — Job 8:1 - Job 24:25

FRI — Nov 7 — Job 25:1 - Job 41:34

SAT — Nov 8 — Job 42:1 - Psalm 24:10

Chr = Chronicles | Eza = Ezra
Neh = Nehemiah | Psalm = Psalms

WANT TO BE

Part Of This Local Family Of Christ Jesus?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Please fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, “Wish To Serve In This Congregation.” Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Various Scripture Verses Concerning Anger

Proverbs 15:18 – ¹⁸ A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 – ⁹ Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Matthew 5:22 – ²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.

Colossians 3:8 – ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

James 4:1-2 – ¹ Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

