

*"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."
Proverbs 15:1 KJV*



Desire is most often lust. Its thought becomes words and actions. *"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts."* Anger causes us to yield to impulse and sin. *"When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."* The end result of lustful impulse is death. Death is separation. The death of the body occurs when the soul discards it and moves into eternity. The soul is eternal, made in the *"image of God."* It will exist with or without God, forever. Your choice. You are born without God. Unless you come to God through faith in His written Word, you will remain eternally separated from God! That's why the Lake of Fire is called the *"second death. For by Grace are saved, through faith, and that, not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by...the Word of God. Without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him; for [you] must believe that He is AND that He is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY (on purpose) seek Him."* Saying or thinking, "I believe in God," isn't enough. You may even pray, but unless you purposefully obey, you have no faith! We all sin, but *"If we confess (repent of) our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us. Faith without works is dead! Hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep (obey) His commandments. (Word)"* Talk is cheap! Obedience to God's Word verifies faith. No obedience, no faith. No faith, no heaven! Forever separated! Again, you choose by not choosing! It's like standing on the deck of a sinking Titanic, being offered a seat in a lifeboat, and saying, "Not, right now." ?????? *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* Not tomorrow! When are you going to die??? The worst torment of Hell will be knowing it was YOUR choice to be separated from God, forever, not His! "Not now," is a "NO" choice! Satan uses anger to whisper sinful thoughts. If I answer angry words with angry words, not only am I allowing evil in my heart, but I inspire evil in another! Anger is walking in lust rather than faith. Walking in the faith is obeying God's Word. Satan tempts anger using others. Pause and ponder your response. Think right thoughts and you'll speak right words. Satan will use another's words and actions to tempt you to think evil thoughts concerning them. We are all imperfect. It's harder to think good of someone than evil. Selfishness is the root of anger and cultivating it brings death! *"Be angry and sin not."* Anger is instinctive. Words are a choice. Think carefully before speaking. *"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."* Angry thoughts are Satan's *"fiery darts"* and have only one purpose; to separate men from God! Faith stops all the wicked darts of Satan. *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."* Faith, obedience to Truth, is the invincible shield. Sometimes no reply is the best reply.

Each foolish word is but a tool,
To turn the faithful into fools,
Let faith and Truth your conscience rule,
And be, instead, the Master's tool. ~CGP

Abuse by others is Satan's attempt to separate you from God. If we meditate day and night on God's Word, our thoughts and words will be right. Quick retorts are usually sinful impulses. Words will wound or heal. Your choice.

*"There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." Proverbs 12:18
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