

Living with an Angry Husband

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- I. Introduction. Hebrews 13:3 Proverbs 31:8-9

- II. What the Bible says about marriage.
 - A. God's design for marriage. Genesis 2:24 Matthew 19:5
 - 1. Mutual love. I Corinthians 13
 - 2. Mutual respect. Philippians 2:3-4
 - 3. A picture of Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:25-32
 - B. Adam's role. Genesis 2:15
 - C. Eve's role. Genesis 2:18 I Corinthians 11:8-9

- III. Anger in the marriage. Galatians 5:19-21 James 1:20
 - A. The wife's anger. Proverbs 22:24-25 James 4:1-3 Galatians 5:15
 - B. The husband's anger.
 - 1. He is behaving like a fool. Proverbs 29:9
 - 2. The fool does not respond well to correction. Proverbs 9:7-8
 - C. Look at the marriage as God sees it. Colossians 3:1-4

- IV. The Bible gives help.
 - A. How a wife should react to her husband's anger. Prov. 15:1, 18
Prov. 29:11 Prov. 17:14 I Peter 4:8b Proverbs 19:11 Mark 11:25
Romans 12:17-21 Colossians 3:5-14 Ephesians 4:29 Matthew 7:12
 - B. What the wife should do about her own sinful anger. Matthew 7:1-5
I John 1:8-9
 - C. Steps the wife should take to help her husband.
 - 1. How to know when to confront sin. Galatians 6:1 Matthew 5:23-24
II Tim. 2:24-26
 - 2. Matthew 18:15, I Corinthians 6:1-8.
 - 3. Advice for how to get help.
 - D. The role of the church.
 - 1. Sin has consequences. Proverbs 19:19 Proverbs 28:13
 - 2. Matthew 18:16 – Take one or two others along.
 - 3. Matthew 18:17 – Tell it to the church.
 - 4. Matthew 18:18-20 – The authority of the church.
 - E. The role of governmental authority. Romans 13:1-4
 - 1. God's instrument of protection. Exodus 20:13
 - 2. It can be used if the husband does not respect the leaders of the church.

- V. Reasons a wife might not want to start this process.
 - A. A misunderstanding of submission. I Peter 3:1-6 Ephesians 5:22-24
 - 1. It is not taking revenge to report verbal oppression to someone who can help.

2. It is not gossiping to ask for wise counsel.
3. The need for a balanced approach to the word of God. Acts 5:29

B. Fear

1. Fear of his retaliation.
2. Others might not believe her.

C. Worry

1. About her economic future.
2. About her reputation.
3. About his reputation.
4. About the effect on their children.

D. Guilt

1. She may be told that she is to blame.
2. She may be guilty of provoking her husband.

VI. Reasons she should seek counsel.

A. To be her husband's helper.

1. For the sake of his spiritual health. Galatians 5:14
2. For the sake of their marriage.

B. For her safety.

C. For her children.

1. To set an example about how to solve problems, biblically.
2. To demonstrate her trust in the Lord.

VII. The Example of Abigail. I Samuel 25

A. Nabal was a foolish man.

B. David became an angry man.

C. Abigail was a wise woman.

1. She rescued the males of her household.
2. She carefully chose the time to inform her husband.

D. The Lord intervened.

1. Nabal died.
2. Abigail married David.

VIII. Sins to avoid.

A. Complaining. James 5:9

B. Hiding the sin.

C. Lying.

D. Using the husband's anger as a reason to escape the covenant of marriage.

IX. Conclusion. II Corinthians 5:9 Romans 12:1 II Corinthians 1:8-9 Psalm 37:1-6 I Corinthians 10:31 Philippians 4:4-9