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## Good Leaders Do Get Angry

A TCL E-Leadership Resource

**Exodus 4:13-14a** But Moses said, "Oh Lord, please send someone else to do it." Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said . "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? (NIV)

**Matthew 21:12** Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

Peace, love, unity ... these are some of the desirables of the Christian faith. It is what Christians should strive for at home, at work, and at church. Noble goals that are hard to achieve for any length of time. Some can enjoy it for longer periods than others. However, whether in the business arena or ministry, there is something that eventually will get in the way. The be ... us humans.

Our natural tendency is to break union with each other, creating an environment that no one wants. In these times of conflict what is a Christian leader to do? Does one in the name of peace, retreat? Or should we express ourselves with anger?

Our scripture today expresses two kinds of events that caused our Lord to "burn" and demonstrate physically His anger.

1. Natural relational behavior
2. Sin in the church

Our first scripture example is quite simple. Most of us can relate and remember a subordinate just being stubborn. Moses was stubborn, dishing out excuses to his Lord and frustrating him to the point he "burned" with anger. I am not sure if Moses felt this anger but I suspect he might have, since he finally did as he was told. I can remember a few months ago that my anger got the attention of some of my employees. After I got their attention by my anger, the following meeting went well, whereby we all fleshed out how to prevent the cause from happening again. Do I wish they could have just listened and followed directions by my calm voice? Of course I do. However, man's indifference does get in the way, and this time it needed to be addressed boldly and with a certain level of force. Do I believe I behaved within the bounds of my faith in Jesus? Yes I do. Can your anger be righteously used? Yes it can.

Lest we forget our ultimate review on judgment day, I don't read anything that would lead me to believe that He will send unbelievers to hell in a calm sweet voice. The late Jonathan Edwards most famous sermon was entitled. "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God". While we experience propitiation, (God's wrath against us being averted or satisfied), it does not mean His original anger was unrighteous, nor should we believe all of our anger is unrighteous. In fact, there are times when it is MORE righteous to express our anger than to sit quietly, thinking that peace is more important.

An example of this is found in Jeremiah. As you know, Jeremiah was known as the wailing prophet, constantly prophesying against the sins of the Israelites and their priests. The priests were letting the sins of idols co-exist in their culture in the name of "keeping the peace". The Lord declared what He thought of this behavior in Jeremiah 6:13 where He declared, *"From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though they were not serious. Peace, peace, they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all: they do not even know how to blush. So they will be brought down when I punish them," says the Lord.*

Friends, we need to be upset with sin in the church. Even to the point of anger, ... if need be.

In summary, there is a thing called "righteous anger". However, before you go out and chew someone out, be careful. You might want to wait to read Part Two!

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