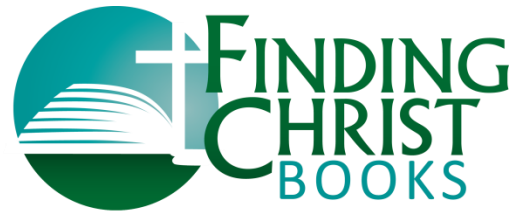


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### **Angry? Me? Seeing Our Children Through the Eyes of Christ**

Every Homeschooling parent needs to be able to recognize unrighteous anger and deal with it because of the consequences that anger brings.

- Consequences
  - Relationship with the Lord
  - Hurt feelings
  - Angry Children
  - Ruined Relationships
  - Satan has the upper hand

Is anger ever appropriate?

- Does God the Father get angry?
  - Numbers 20: 10-12
  - Moses didn't treat God as holy.
- Did Jesus get angry?
  - John 2: 14-17 and Psalm 69:9
  - Jesus drove the money changers out of the Temple.
  - The people weren't treating the Temple as holy. The Temple represents God's dwelling place and He is holy.
- Are we allowed to get angry?
  - Ephesians 4:26 and surrounding verses
  - Psalm 4: 3-5

- You can be angry, but walk in righteousness without being harsh with others.
- Proverbs 3:3
  - Kindness and truth are bound together.
- Ephesians 4: 15
  - Speak the truth in love
- Proverbs 15:1
  - A gentle answer turns away wrath
- Most of our anger is not righteous anger.

## Idols

- Shaking up our cups (our hearts)
  - Whatever is inside of our hearts is what pours out of it.
  - It's not what the other person is doing that makes me angry, but actually the idols in my heart.
  - Idols are anything that I place above God.
- Galatians
  - All about our idols.
  - Christ plus something else
  - Galatians 5:1 "It was for freedom that Christ set us free"
- Common idols for homeschoolers
  - High expectations
  - Wanting things to go "correctly"
  - Peace in the home

- “I don’t want to look bad.”
- “My children MUST obey me!”

How do we live differently? How do we respond in righteousness?

- First, recognize the idols that cause your anger.
  - When angry, push stop on the film projector.
    - What idol is causing my anger?
  - Realize that it’s not all about you.
  - Realize that God is sovereign.
  - Realize that God “shakes up our cups” to show us our sinful hearts.
  
- Second, transform your thinking and look at things God’s way.
  - How does God see you?
    - You are His child.
    - God has placed Christ’s righteousness on you.
    - God sees you now as the holy person you will be—justification.
    - You are adopted by God.
    - God disciplines in love. Hebrews 12:6 and Romans 2:4
  - We should view our children the same way God views us.
    - You can see your children as precious even when they are acting out.
    - Your reason for discipline changes to wanting them to be more like Jesus.
  - What does God want for you?
    - God wants a relationship with you.

- God wants you to walk in His ways.
  - What does He do for you?
    - God showers you with grace and mercy.
  - We should want the same things for our children.
    - We want our children to have a good relationship with us and with God.
  - We should do the same things for our children.
    - We should discipline in grace.
    - Sometimes we should extend mercy to show them God’s mercy for us.
- Third, when we talk with our children, kindness and truth should prevail instead of anger and harshness.
  - *Everyday Talk: Talking Freely and Naturally about God with Your Children* by John Younts.
  - Deuteronomy 6: 5-7
  - “Your everyday comments are the ones that teach your children most profoundly about your view of God.”
  - Proverbs 1:8-9
  - Harsh words are not graceful nor like a necklace.
  - Ephesians 4:29
  - The word “unwholesome” means putrid, rank, worthless, foul, rotten, disgusting.
  - If your words don’t give grace, they are putrid.

As you humbly focus on removing idols and speaking grace-filled words, you will be able to overcome anger. It won’t just go away, but you will be more gracious to your children (and others) over time.