



## I Want To Get This Right! James 1:19-27

### 1. A Father's Calling [Ephesians 6:4/Colossians 3:2]

- A. Do not exasperate your children to anger [6:4a]  
parorgizō - provoke to anger
- B. Bring them up in the . . . [nurture them] :  
ektrephō - nourishment of one's own flesh
  - (1) Discipline of the Lord [6:4b] - Proverbs 4:1-2  
paideia - instruction and correction
  - (2) Training Your Children in the Lord - make sure they know you are for them [6:4c] - Deut. 6:7  
nouthesia - improves a person's reasoning skills so they can reach God's solution – i.e. by going through His thought-process [application]
- C. Be an Encourager to your Children [3:21]

### 2. How Can We Get This Right? [James 1:19-27; 5:16]

- A. Pursuing Righteousness - antidote to anger [19-21]
  - (1) Quick to Hear  
tachus - ready to listen with the intent to understand
  - (2) Slow to Speak [Proverbs 13:3; 10:19]  
bradus - deliberate and measured with the goal of a well thought out response
  - (3) Slow [un]to Anger [Eccl. 7:9; Ephesians 4:26]  
els - carefully crossing the line
- B. Choose Authenticity - Identity in Christ ▲ Actions [22-26]
- C. Loving Our Neighbor [James 1:27]
- D. Living In Community - Prayer [James 5:16]

**Ephesians 6:4/Colossians 3:21** Fathers, do not provoke [exasperate - NIV] your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord . . . lest they become discouraged

**James 1:19-21** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Proverbs 13:3** Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

**Proverbs 10:19** Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut. [New Living Translation]

**Ecclesiastes 7:9** Don't be quick to fly off the handle. Anger boomerangs. You can spot a fool by the lumps on his head. [The Message]

**Ephesians 4:26** Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

**James 1:19--26** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**James 1:27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction [Service], and to keep oneself unstained from the world [Holiness].

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:2. According to these verses what are the three components of God's calling on a Father's life?
2. Read Proverbs 13:3 and James 1:19-21. In John 1:14, John writes that Jesus was is full of grace and truth. These two words "grace" and "truth" are in that order for a reason. Jesus would enter people's lives extending grace, and then providing truth for them that would set them free in relationship with Him. How do the verses in Proverbs and James gives us insight on how to be like Jesus with those we love?
3. Pray that the Father and Father figures in your life are encouraged today as we celebrate their vital role in our lives.