

## DANGEROUS GROUND

Ephesians 4:22-32

### Part V "Anger and the Devil"

Ephesians 4:27

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;<sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds;<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.<sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.<sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph 4:22-32 NIV

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The story of the King whose anger turned into a deadly disease (2 Chronicles 26).

1. Consistent victory over anger requires a spiritual perspective that recognizes Satan's role and activity.
  - "the devil"
  - 1 Peter 5:8
  - 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
2. Sadly, disciples of Jesus often give to Satan what he could never take by force.
  - "do not give"
  - James 4:7
  - Peter's voice (Matthew 16:21-23)
3. When we violate God's will and word, we allow Satan to build a demon door to infiltrate our lives.
  - "a foothold" lit. a place
  - John 14:30