

Domestic Violence: The Silent Killer III

PSALM 140

In **1 Samuel 20:30-34** we see anger moving to verbal abuse and wrath.

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The bible shows us the very words we speak can be **consider** as a form of violence.

NKJ **Proverbs 10:6** Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous, **But violence** covers the mouth of the wicked.

NKJ **Proverbs 10:11** The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life, **But violence** covers the mouth of the wicked.

Consider **Matthew 5:21-22**

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We are to consider everything we say, whether it stands the test of being for the benefit of the hearer. Verbal abuse does not meet this test.

Anger is always **internal**.

Wrath is always **external**.

NLT **Ephesians 4:29** Don't **use foul or abusive language**. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, **rage, anger**, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

Bitterness (*pikria*) reflects a smoldering **resentment** and a brooding **grudge**-filled attitude.

It is the spirit of irritability that keeps a person in **perpetual** animosity, making him sour and venomous.

Anger (*org_*) is a more internal **smoldering**, a subtle and deep feeling.

Wrath (*thumos*) has to do with **wild rage**, the passion of the moment.

NLT **James 1:20** Human **anger does not produce** the righteousness God desires.

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We are taught in the scriptures to bridle our tongues.

Consider **James 1:26** and **James 3:2-8**

We are to put away and divorce ourselves from all verbal abuse and evil speaking.

Keep reading and studying 1 Samuel 16-26

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