



Rebuke *Before All?*

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GOD’S CHURCH MANUAL

First and Second Timothy and Titus are written to pastors to tell them how a local church should operate.

To the pastor God commands...

• *“Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.”* (First Timothy 5:20)

- *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”* (Second Timothy 4:2)
- *“Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.”* (Titus 1:13)
- *“These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.”* (Titus 2:15)

THE FIRST TIME WE SEE CHRIST ANGRY WAS IN THE TEMPLE

JOHN 2:13-17

“...Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen;



and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of

merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.”

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THE LAST TIME WE SEE CHRIST ANGRY WAS IN THE TEMPLE

The incident recorded in John chapter two was at the beginning of Christ’s ministry. There He referred to the temple as, *“...my Father's house.”* Matthew 21 records another time when Jesus was angry in the temple. This time it was at the end of His ministry. In Matthew 23:38 Jesus said, *“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.”*

JESUS OPENLY REBUKED PETER

MARK 8:32,33 - *“And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.”*

The word Satan here literally means *“adversary.”* Peter was *“openly”* going against what Christ was teaching and was openly rebuked for it before everyone. His actions were contrary to the purpose Christ had for them all and Christ made sure they all knew it. The Bible says, *“Open rebuke is better than secret love.”* (Proverbs 27:5) Jesus said, *“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”*

A WORD ABOUT ANGER

There are about 235 verses in the Bible containing the word “anger.” The word “angry” is also found another forty-four times. **Most of the time it refers to God being angry with His own people.**

- **Deuteronomy 4:21**-*“Furthermore the LORD was angry with me (Moses) for your sakes...”*
- **First Kings 11:9** - *“And the LORD was angry with Solomon...”*
- **First Chronicles 13:10** - *“And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.”*
- **Exodus 4:14** - *“And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses...”*
- **Numbers 11:10** *“...the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly...”*



- **Numbers 12:9** - “And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them...”
- **Numbers 25:3** - “...the anger of the LORD was kindled...”
- **Numbers 25:4** - “...the fierce anger of the LORD...”
- **Numbers 32:14** - “...the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.”
- **Deuteronomy 6:15** - “...lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee...”
- **Deuteronomy 7:4** - “...the anger of the LORD be kindled against you...”
- **Deuteronomy 29:20** - “...the anger of the LORD...”
- **Deuteronomy 29:27** - “And the anger of the LORD was kindled...”
- **Joshua 7:1** - “...the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.”
- **Joshua 23:16** - “...then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you...”
- **Judges 2:14** - “And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel...”
- **Judges 2:20** - “And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel...”
- **Judges 3:8** - “Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel...”
- **Judges 10:7** - “And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel...”
- **Second Samuel 6:7** - “And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah...”
- **Second Samuel 24:21** - “And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel...”
- **Second Kings 13:3** - “And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel...”
- **Second Kings 24:20** - “For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem...”
- **Second Chronicles 25:15** - “Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah...”
- **Isaiah 5:25** - “Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people...”
- **Jeremiah 4:8** - “...for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.”
- **Jeremiah 12:13** - “...because of the fierce anger of the LORD.”
- **Ezekiel 20:8** - “...I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them...”

PAUL REBUKED PETER BEFORE “THEM ALL”

“But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all...” (Galatians 2:14) It was a case where a precedent was set before the congregation. It was important to establish a fixed and important issue. Public reproof is right when public mischief is obvious.

Again, God commands the preacher saying, “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.” (First Timothy 5:20)

BARNES NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC REBUKE

“I said unto Peter before them all.”

BARNES WRITES - “...the interests of the church were at stake. It was a case where it was very important to establish some fixed and just principles, and he therefore took occasion to remonstrate with him in public on the subject.”

BARNES CONTINUES - “The fact that Paul reproveth Peter before ‘them all,’ proves, That public reproof is right when an offense has been public...” (Comp. First Timothy 5:20, “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.”)

BARNES CONTINUES - “...it is a duty to reprove those who err. It is a painful duty, and one much neglected; still it is a duty often enjoined in the Scriptures, and one that is of the deepest importance to the church. The word rendered ‘charge’...implies that the subject is of great importance.”

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THE RIGHT KIND OF ANGER

“Be ye angry, and sin not.”

(Ephesians 4:26)

It is obvious by this verse that it may be possible that anger can cause us to sin and it is also obvious that, like the Lord, we can be angry and not sin. **The fact is, whoever angers us, controls us. The only way we can be sure if we are angry and not sinning is to be sure the Holy Spirit is in control.**

LOVING ENOUGH TO REBUKE

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(Revelation 3:19)