## THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part IX

"Love is not provoked"

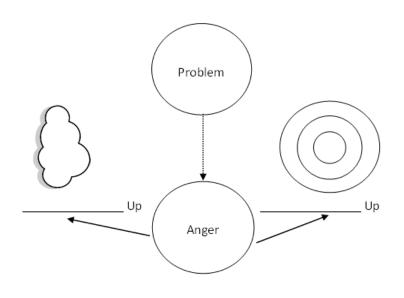
Reference: I Corinthians 13:1-13

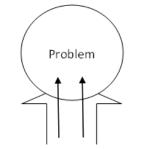
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Characteristic One love is patient Characteristic Two love is kind Characteristic Three love is not jealous Characteristic Four love is not boastful Characteristic Five love is not conceited Characteristic Six love is not rude Characteristic Sevenlove is not selfish Characteristic Eightlove is not verse five continued, "(love)is not provoked"
The word "provoked" means to be incensed, stirred up, infuriated, enraged and
It is interesting that of the fifteen characteristics mentioned in this section two of these statements actually address the same subject (i.e. anger) and that means God has essentially repeated Himself.
Question: Why would God repeat himself?
<ul> <li>to emphasize something's</li> <li>to make something more</li> <li>Reference: Deuteronomy 19:15</li> <li>to assist us in something</li> </ul>
<b>Definition</b> : Righteous indignation (anger) is "when someone is angered because God (not us) is defamed in a sense through <b>His person</b> or He (God and not us) is defamed in an sense through disregarding what <b>He has said</b> ."
References: Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 14:29, 15:18 and 16:32 (see screen
This message is about releasing anger because that's the etymology (origin) of the word provoked as in the statement "love is not provoked
It is important to understand that there are two basic means of releasing anger:
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In <b>verse five</b> the word "provoked" is used to describe how energies from anger can be released on an external basis.

The Greek word translated as "provoked" is "paroxino" from which we get the word "paroxysm" and means "a sudden of anger."
BLOWING UP means someone releases the energies from his anger toward something or someone else.
See diagram
References: Proverbs 29:11 and Exodus 32:15-19 (see screen)
CLAMMING UP means that someone holds his anger in and releases the energies from that anger toward his own self. That misdirected anger can cause serious physiological problems.
See diagram
<ul> <li>internalized anger can cause a basic change in the amount of to a given organ</li> <li>internalized anger can cause a change in the of certain glands</li> <li>internalized anger can cause a change in the of certain muscles</li> </ul>
Reference: Proverbs 22:24, 25 (see screen)
The solution and biblical alternative to misdirected anger is to aim all the energies produced from anger at the
See diagram
The New Testament mentions at least five instances where Jesus seemed to manifest righteous anger:
Jesus the money changers from the temple (twice) Reference: Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-46; John 2:13-22
Jesus the Pharisees about being hypocritical Reference: <b>Matthew 23:1-30</b>
Jesus Simon Peter Reference: Matthew 16:21-22
Jesus the fig tree Reference: Matthew 21:17-19; Mark 11:13

• Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the man's withered hand Reference: **Mark 3:1-6** (see screen)





Energies of anger productively \_\_\_\_\_

under control toward problem

