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Topic: To Appease Anger is to Love

Text: Proverbs 15:17-18

1. "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." To make a happy home is not the diet, but the diners. What is meant to be an enjoyable occasion can turn sour because of anger.

2. Nonetheless, there is a need for biblical anger against sins, which are against God. In Matthew 21:12-13, Jesus was angry when the temple of God was turned into a den of thieves. To love is to rebuke, for the purpose of restoring your brethren in the faith.

3. The antidote to anger is to slow down and be quiet. Instead of responding hastily, be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

4. Being quick to anger is folly. "The beginning of strife is as when letteth out water" (Proverbs 17:14) - from a little current, anger can spiral quickly into something that is not contained. We are also warned against being friends with an angry man.

*Proverbs 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.*