

## THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part III

"Love is patient?"

Reference: **I Corinthians 13:1-13**

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verse four, "love suffers long..." and this phrase means "slow to anger" In fact, the two English words "suffers long" are just one compound word in the original Greek language (makrothumeo verb and makrothumia noun) and that word means slow to be angered and that's essentially \_\_\_\_\_

This is not so much patience with situations and circumstances but a patience with \_\_\_\_\_.

Psychologists have said there are different phases or forms of anger.

Phase one is a mild \_\_\_\_\_

Phase two is a more serious \_\_\_\_\_

Phase three is a form of \_\_\_\_\_

Phase four is being \_\_\_\_\_

Phase five is \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: **Ephesians 4:26** (see screen)

Notice three specific statements mentioned in this verse

One...anger is \_\_\_\_\_ necessarily sinful

**verse twenty six, "Be angry, and do not sin..."**

Someone has grouped all causes and cases of justifiable anger together and categorized them under one general heading called \_\_\_\_\_, and this is the only form of anger that God finds acceptable.

Definition: righteous indignation is "when someone is angered because God is defamed in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense through **His person** or He is defamed in an \_\_\_\_\_ sense through disregarding what **He has said.**"

There are three characteristics of a righteous indignation:

- Righteous indignation is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Righteous indignation is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Righteous indignation is \_\_\_\_\_.

Two...anger should be \_\_\_\_\_  
Notice the verse reads that we are to "Be angry..."

Understand that even legitimate anger is to have some safeguards.

- The first is that we are not to \_\_\_\_\_ in a state of sustained anger.  
Reference: **Ephesians 4:26b**, "do not let the sun go down on your wrath."
- The second safeguard is that we are not to let anger give Satan \_\_\_\_\_ to us.  
Reference: **Ephesians 4:27**, "nor give place to the devil."

There are eight Hebrew words in the Old Testament that are used for anger. The most common word used is the word for nose. In fact the Hebrew rendering for patience is "long in \_\_\_\_\_"

**Proverbs 14:29; 16:32; Psalm 145:8** (see screen)

Four practical steps to becoming more consistent in patience:

**One...** be careful that someone else's impatience doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ on us

Reference: **Proverbs 22:24, 25a** (see screen)

**Two...** slow down the \_\_\_\_\_ syndrome

Reference: **Mark 6:31** (see screen)

**Three...** extend to someone else the same patience that we would want to be extended to \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 7:12** (see screen)

**Four...** adjust our \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: **Proverbs 4:23** (see screen)