SERMON NOTES

Title: Fruit That Is Never Out Of Season: PATIENCE

Topic: Anger

Text: Gal. 5:22-23; Pro. 14:9

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In an imperfect world, we all need patience. You can't talk about patience without talking about <u>anger</u>.

God gave you the capacity to get angry. Getting angry is not a <u>sin</u>. But anger has to be controlled, because uncontrolled anger can be very <u>destructive</u> to relationships.

Seven Biblical keys to managing your anger...

1. RESOLVE TO MANAGE IT. Proverbs 16:32

The key to managing your anger is to decide **in advance** how you're going to handle it.

2. REALIZE THE COST OF UNCONTROLLED ANGER. Proverbs 29:22

There's always a **price tag** when you get angry. Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 29:11

3. **REFLECT** BEFORE REACTING

<u>Delay</u> is a tremendous tool and a great remedy when it comes to anger. "When you're angry you count to 10 and when you're very angry, count to 100." - Thomas Jefferson

4. RELEASE YOUR ANGER APPROPRIATELY. Ephesians 4:26

Patience is not pretending anger doesn't exist. Patience is acknowledging it but not giving it **full vent**. Proverbs 29:11

5. REPROGRAM YOUR MIND. Romans 12:2

The way you think determines the way you feel; the way you feel determines the way you <u>act</u>. If I want to change my behavior, I've got to change the way <u>I think</u>.

6. RELATE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE PATIENT. Proverbs 22:24-25

Make friends with patient people. Anger is a learned response that means it can be **unlearned**.

7. RELY ON CHRIST'S HELP. Romans 15:5

The level of patience you have in your life will be in direct proportion to level you are **filled with Christ's Spirit**.