

Addressing Problems in Marriage (continued)

VII. *Problem #6: Anger in Marriage*

A. Introduction: Anger defined

1. Our first reaction: evil anger
2. Our deeper reaction: righteous anger
3. The judgmental heart of anger: “I’m against that”
 - a. Emotions
 - b. Actions
 - c. Objects
 - d. Duration
4. Conclusion: Our anger reveals our master

B. Evil anger in marriage

1. Damaging power
 - a. Anger seduces
 - i. The power
 - ii. The physical
 - iii. The pragmatic
 - iv. The pride
 - v. The pain
 - b. Anger blinds
 - i. To other feelings
 - ii. To ourselves

- c. Anger controls
 - d. Anger angers
 - e. Anger fails
2. Redeeming power
- a. Consider God's anger
 - i. A redemptive anger
 - ii. A sin-hating anger
 - iii. A sacrificial anger
 - iv. An honest anger
 - v. A timely anger
 - b. Be Christlike in your anger
 - i. Be quick to study the cross
 - ii. Be forgiving and empathic
 - iii. Be "slow to wrath"
 - iv. Be sure to fight the real enemy
 - v. Be lovingly honest
 - vi. Be charitable
 - vii. Be prayerful
3. Conclusion: Christ in action

Excursus 1: Counseling the Angry

Excursus 2: Counseling the Abused Wife

VIII. *Problem #7: Challenging Adjustments in Life Stages*

- A. Adjusting to each other
- B. Adjusting to children
- C. Adjusting to teenagers
- D. Adjusting to biological changes and mid-life challenges
- E. Adjusting to senior years
- F. Adjusting to health problems
- G. Adjusting to difficult trials

IX. *Conclusion: Developing a Peacemaking Marriage*

- A. Christo-centrism
- B. Confession
- C. Confrontation
- D. Condonation
- E. Compromise
- F. Conclusion: *Soli Deo Gloria*