

# Angry Words

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Last week I had a very unfortunate and unpleasant situation happen in my presence and I hope never to experience it again. I had two friends (neither of which are Christians) start to argue because one used a bad choice of words and the other took offense to it and became very verbal and aggressive toward the other. Both went their own way still mad at each other and one went as far as vowing never to have anything else to do with the other. I know that these two have been friends for over 30 years. Can a 30 year friendship be destroyed in 30 seconds?

There is a song in our song book called “Angry Words” and it deals with this very same situation. It reminds us that we are to keep our tongues bridled so the evil words do not slip from our lips. Our control over the tongue comes from the heart and our love for one another. As Christians we need to keep in mind how much damage can be done by anger and angry words. It can destroy friendships, marriages, families, and even our relationship with God.

Ephesians 4:26 states, “Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.” All of us become angry from time to time and we know on one occasion even Jesus became angry when He turned over the tables of the money changers at the temple. Even GOD showed anger on several occasions and we know there was no sin related to their anger.

God has commanded us to love one another and to forgive those who trespass against us. Let us remember that the devil is always looking for ways to lead us astray and to separate us from God. Our souls are too important to lose because of a slip of the tongue.

For the elders,  
Don Wagner