

Defining Love-Love Is Not Provoked

1 Corinthians 13:5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; NKJV

1 Corinthians 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; KJV

1 Corinthians 13:5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. NIV

God Is Not Easily Provoked

Psalms 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Psalms 145:8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

2 Corinthians 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

Matthew 27:11-14 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

1 Peter 2:21-23 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

The Danger Of Being Easily Provoked

James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

The Wisdom And Strength Of Being Not Easily Provoked

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

Proverbs 14:29 He who is slow to wrath has great understanding,
But he who is impulsive exalts folly.

Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city

Proverbs 15:18 A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

1 Peter 2:20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

The Action And Fruit Of Not Being Easily Provoked

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.