### CHOOSE INTEGRITY | A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

"How to Navigate the Holidays with a Spirit of Grace"

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Romans 12:9-18 (ESV) <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

# A GENUINE FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS TO HAVE INTEGRITY IN HOW WE LOVE OTHERS AND IN WHAT WE ABHOR

WHAT ANGERED JESUS? Mark 3:5, John 2:13-22, Matt 21:12-16

# JESUS GOT ANGRY AT A LACK OF INTEGRITY AMONGST GOD'S AMBASSADORS

**Matthew 23:1-4 (ESV)** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, <sup>3</sup> so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

**Ephesians 4:26-27, 29-32 (ESV)** <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil... <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

#### BEING ANGRY IS INEVITABLE. LIVING ANGRY IS A CHOICE.

Opportunity or foothold | Topos - a place or a room

#### IN YOUR ANGER, CHOOSE <u>INTEGRITY</u>

INTEGRITY | When your behavior matches your beliefs

**Romans 12:18 (ESV)** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

#### YOU CANNOT LIVE IN PEACE AND BE ANGRY AT THE SAME TIME

**Romans 12:19-21 (ESV)** <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### **TWO WAYS TO LIVE**

#### LIVING WITH ANGER = LIVING OUT OF CONTROL

- Divides | Families, friends, and Churches
- Distracts | Christians from their mission
- Discredits | Our Witness

#### LIVING WITH INTEGRITY = LIVING UNDER JESUS' CARE

- Unites | Families, Friends, and Churches
- Focuses | Christians on their mission
- Validates | Our Witness

"WHEN YOU HAVE INTEGRITY, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS."
WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE INTEGRITY, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS."

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