

Equip Biblical Institute

Church Planting * Team Leadership * Pastors Institute

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Anger and Stress Management

Professor:

Training Center City:

Semester and Year:

Course Description

This course focuses on how to apply and teach the biblical teaching on anger and stress. Topics include sources of anger and stress, when anger can be good, when anger is wrong, how to handle "bad" anger, forgiveness, helping children handle anger, when you are angry at God, when you are angry at yourself, confronting an angry person, getting anger under control, and how to argue fairly. Students will create visual projects and applications for transformational discipleship and leadership.

Course Design

This 14-week course is designed to equip pastors, church planters, and next-generation leaders with Bible knowledge, Christian character, servant leadership, and disciple-making skills with the goal of life-change. It addresses the learning styles of adults through active discussion, charts, visuals, Internet resources, team-building, and presentations. To ensure transfer of credit, changes to this course syllabus must be approved by both Equip Biblical Institute and Southern California Seminary. Over 1,200 leaders have completed EBI courses. Suggestions for improving course design are appreciated.

Required Textbooks

- 1. *Jeremiah Study Bible*. Annotated by Dr. David Jeremiah. Worthy Publishing, 2013. CBD or 9781936034895
- Dr. Les Carter. Getting the Best of Your Anger Before It Gets the Best of You, revised edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Revel, 2007. 9780800731755
- 3. Dr. Les Carter and Dr. Frank Minirth. *The Anger Workbook*. Grand Rapids, MI: Thomas Nelson, 2012. <u>9781401675431</u>
- Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Edited by Charles Draper. Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2003. CBD or 9780805428360

Additional Books for Pastors, Leaders, and Advanced Students

- 5. Dr. Gary Chapman. *Anger: Handling a Powerful Emotion in a Healthy Way.* Chicago: Northfield, 2007. <u>9781881273882</u>
- 6. Dr. Les Carter. *The Anger Trap: Free Yourself from the Frustrations That Sabotage Your Life.* San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004.
- Dr. Gary Smalley. Making Love Last Forever. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2001. 9780805497915

Internet Resources www.gotguestions.org * www.4truth.net

- www.helpmewithbiblestudy.org/index.aspx
- www.jeremiahstudybible.com

Professors – Click here to receive the Notes by email. The intent of this course is to equip you with the Word of God, to strengthen your character and integrity, and to develop your relational and servant-leadership skills for the glory of God.

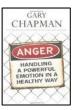












Learning Outcomes

The student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- 1. Explain and teach others about what anger is and why we experience it.
- 2. Explain and teach others how to identify your level of anger.
- 3. Explain and teach others the behaviors that make anger an enemy.
- 4. Apply and teach others how to express anger in a constructive way.
- 5. Apply and teach others how to argue fairly.
- 6. Explain and teach others how anger thrives on unmet needs for love and acceptance.
- 7. Explain and teach others how other emotions create anger.
- 8. Apply and teach others new insights about anger reduction to life and relationships.
- 9. Participate in a group or individual presentation, mini-sermon, project, PowerPoint, mind-map, visuals, webpage, or YouTube video on a chapter in one of the textbooks.
- 10. Type a 10- to 15-page term paper titled "Applications from Anger and Stress Management for Leadership and Character Development."
- 11. Coach other leaders to develop Christian character through the consistent practice of personal revival, spiritual disciplines, the seven virtues, and our identity in Christ with the goal of transformational discipleship.

Methods of Instruction

Instruction emphasizes active learning, problem-based learning, project-based learning, presentation-based learning, team-based learning, reflection, discussion, interactive lecture, collaboration, visuals, term papers, and exams, with the goal of long-term and real-world learning that results in life-change and leadership skills. The major pedagogical premise of this course is that students should be treated like the servant-leaders they are becoming.

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Accelerated Adult Learning Strategies

Authentic learning involves observation, interpretation, and application. The goal of balanced instruction is to address the learning strengths of adult learners, including verbal, visual, musical, logical, kinesthetic, reflective, interpersonal, natural, and spiritual. Student-centered instruction is most effective when it impacts the mind, will, and emotions.

TEAM-based Active Learning Principles

Students are encouraged to study in teams to develop application skills, leadership/relational skills, and presentations. Students are not to give answers to co-learners, but help them learn how to find the answers. **TEAM** = **Together Everyone Accomplishes More.**

The Cone of Learning After 2 weeks, we tend to remember ... I see and I forget. I hear and I remember. Reading 10% of what we READ I do and I understand. · 20% of what we HEAR · 30% of what we SEE Seeing Watching a Movie Looking at an Exhibit Watching a Demonstration Seeing It Done on Location 50% of what we SEE & HEAR we SAY Doing a Dramatic Presentation 90% of what lating the Real Experience Doing the Real Thing

Student Requirements

First, answer the **questions** in the **portfolio** before class. This will assist student-leaders in focusing on core information and developing the time-on-task study skills and writing skills essential to effective learning and long-term memory. Each student must do his or her own work.

Second, maintain the **journal** in the portfolio. (1) What is God teaching you in this session? (2) How are you going to apply these concepts to your life, family, and ministry? (3) How can your church apply these concepts to making disciples and developing leaders? This will assist student-leaders in developing reflection, application, and decision-making skills essential to spiritual growth.

Third, participate in the **discussion** of the questions and applications in the portfolio during class. Through discussion students learn from one another and sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron. This will assist student-leaders in developing the relational, speaking, and creative/critical thinking skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership.

Fourth, complete the **midterm exam**. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material.

Fifth, participate in an individual or **group presentation** on one of the chapters in the textbooks. The ability to make engaging presentations will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Discuss applications found in that book. This presentation can be a PowerPoint, drama, role-play, charts, or drawings. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and teamwork skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership. Week 13

Sixth, type a 10- to 15-page **term paper** titled "Applications from Anger and Stress Management for Leadership and Character Development." The ability to write well will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Footnote all the ideas, paraphrases, and direct quotes in your paper, whether from books or the Internet. Font should be Times New Roman 12. Include illustrations and charts. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and writing skills essential to effective biblical teaching, preaching, and servant-leadership. Week 13

Seventh, complete the **final exam** in the portfolio. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material and in focusing on transformational leadership and teaching skills. Week 14

Course Objective Is Life Change

Our mission is to bring glory to God by assisting local churches to equip believers to live and minister biblically based on the inerrant Word of God. This equipping includes Bible knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills. The objective is to take student-leaders from where they are and move them to where they need to be. Students will learn how (1) to read with their brains; (2) to remember what they have read; (3) to sharpen their thoughts through journaling; (4) to speak effectively before others; (5) to work as learning teams of leaders; and (6) to apply what they are learning to life, family, and ministry.

Accelerated Adult Learning Techniques

Adults learn in unique ways and so this course incorporates multiple learning styles. According to the **Cone of Learning**, writing, discussing, and applying concepts are the keys to accelerated adult learning. The portfolio is foundational to learning because students remember more of what they write, discuss, and apply. By applying these principles of champion learners, students will experience transformational growth. Welcome to the accelerated disciple-making process!

Session	Date	Professor Responsibilities		Student Responsibilities
1		Introduction Know What Anger Is To Be or Not to Be Go over this syllabus and the portfolio. Preview the study guides for the exams. Discuss the appendix. Discuss portfolio questions and journal applications. Demonstrate how to get the most out of the Life Application Bible, the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, and the textbooks. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters. Review in class: YouTube videos by the authors of the textbooks. Review in class the resources in the Topical Index of the Jeremiah Study Bible or "Exclusive Online Content" at www.JeremiahStudyBible.com. Review in class: resources for Bible knowledge, character development, and discipleship ministry coaching: www.4truth.net, www.biblestudytools.com, www.blueletterbible.org/resources/charts.cfm, www.gotquestions.org/. Help students improve their mindset and character through coaching, feedback, and rubrics. Go over the Transformational Discipleship Covenant.	<u> </u>	Print 483 Anger and Stress Management portfolio and notes. Pay the honorarium to the director. Skim the textbooks and be prepared to discuss how these books are unique as learning tools. Study chapters 1-2 in Getting the Best of Your Anger. Explore the resources in the Topical Index of the Jeremiah Study Bible or "Exclusive Online Content" at www.JeremiahStudyBible.com. Explore websites and YouTube videos by the authors. Explore for 15 minutes the online resources for discipleship and coaching on anger and stress at: www.4truth.net, https://bible.org/, www.biblegateway.com, www.biblegateway.com, www.biblestudytools.com, www.blueletterbible.org/study/, www.crosswalk.com, www.gotquestions.org/, www.lifeway.com/biblestudy, www.theopedia.com/. Type the answers to the portfolio questions and journal applications in preparation for the discussion and group activity. Begin writing the term paper. Read the Baptist Faith and Message. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
2		Stand Up and Be Counted The Types of Anger Why Anger Gets Out of Hand, Part 1 Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned so far. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and disciple- making skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters. Remind students that our relationships		Study chapters 3-5 in <i>Getting the Best of Your Anger</i> . Explore the resources on this topic in <i>Slaying the Giants</i> , the <i>Jeremiah Study Bible</i> or at www.jeremiahstudybible.com Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Make a list of people who bring up your anger and pray from them. Go on an evangelistic visit during the course with your pastor, deacon, church leader, Sunday school

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		are to reflect our gratitude for how much we have been forgiven as described in the parables of Jesus.	worker, or friend. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples. Invite friends and apprentice disciples to see how the course works.
3		Why Anger Gets Out of Hand, Part 2 Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Study chapters 6-8 in Getting the Best of Your Anger. Explore online resources for 15 minutes. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Pray for people on your list Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
4		Why Anger Gets Out of Hand, Part 2 How People Handle Anger, Part 1 Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Study chapters 9-11 in Getting the Best of Your Anger. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Pray for people on your list Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
5		How People Handle Anger, Part 2 Getting Anger Under Control Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Study chapters 12-14 in Getting the Best of Your Anger. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Pray for people on your list Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
6		Love Comes First Steps Toward a Life of Composure How to Argue Fairly Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters. Review for the midterm exam.	 Study chapters 15-17 in Getting the Best of Your Anger. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Pray for people on your list Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.

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7		Midterm Exam Give the midterm exam. Preview the second half of the course. Coach students on how to improve their term papers. Make corrections to the term paper in class. Discuss who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program. Order textbooks for next semester. Request next semester portfolios and notes by email.	Review the study guide in the notes to prepare for the midterm exam. Four hours of study are recommended. Work on the term paper. Pay for textbooks for the next courses. Be involved in the small group and/or Sunday School ministry of your church. Study chapters 1-2 in <i>The Anger Workbook</i> . Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Invite friends to see how the course works. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.			
8		What Is Anger? Managing Your Anger Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Workbook. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Invite friends to see how the course works. Share what you are learning with your 			
9		Anger Thrives on Unmet Needs Why Can't You Just Love Me? Feeling Controlled Causes Anger Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Study chapters 3-4 in <i>The Anger Workbook</i>. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples. 			
10		Myths That Perpetrate Anger Self-Inflicted Anger How Pride Influences Anger Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Study chapters 5-7 in The Anger Workbook. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples. 			
11		Fear's Effect on Anger	□ Study chapters 8-10 in <i>The Anger</i>			

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		Loneliness Causes Anger Anger Reflects Inferiority Feelings Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary of one of these chapters.	 Workbook. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
12		Managing a Child's Anger Why Anger Lingers Being Accountable Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and leadership skills in class. Group Activity: Prepare for next week's student presentations.	 Study chapters 11-13 in <i>The Anger Workbook</i>. Type the answers to the portfolio. Work on the term paper. Review the study guide. Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for someone on your list. Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
13		Student Presentations and Term Papers Welcome guests and disciples. Coach students on how to improve their presentations. Coach students on how to improve their term papers. Group activity: Peer-review and make corrections to the term paper in class. Review for final exam.	 Prepare to participate in a group or individual presentations on a chapter in the books. Bring a rough draft of your term paper for peer-review and corrections. Invite your friends and apprentice disciples to watch student presentations.
14		Final Exam and Course Evaluation Give final exam. Collect completed portfolio for review. Collect revised term paper for review. Students will debrief by sharing how they are using and sharing what they have learned. Discuss how to recruit students who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program. Distribute the textbooks, syllabi, portfolios, notes, and promotional materials for the next course. Time of fellowship.	 Review the study guide for the final exam. Complete the portfolio. Revise the term paper. Share and/or email your revised term paper to pastors, deacons, small-group leaders, and your apprentice disciples in order to multiply your ministry in obedience to 2 Timothy 2:2-3. Learning is about teaching others. Pass on the baton of transformational discipleship by sharing what you are learning.

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- 5. Bible History http://www.bible-history.com/
- 6. Bible Land Photos http://bibleplaces.com/
- 7. Bible Study Resources www.bible.org
- 8. Bible study tools http://www.biblestudytools.net/
- 9. Blue Letter Bible Study Tools/Charts http://www.blueletterbible.org/study/
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Transfer of Credits to Southern California Seminary

Attendance Policy

Attending class on time is important to receive the most out of the course. Entering class late disrupts the learning process of all students. Students are permitted three absences for a 14-week semester course. For the semester (28 classroom hours plus 68 homework hours) courses, more than 10 minutes late is a *tardy;* more than 20 minutes late is an *absence*. Two tardies count as one absence. College credit cannot be transferred to Southern California Seminary when a student misses four or more class sessions. A grade of NC (No Credit) will be recorded when a student misses four sessions, does not complete coursework on time, or earns less than 700 points.

Class Time and Homework Policy

To transfer credits to Southern California Seminary, each 2-unit course must include at least 28 hours of class time discussion and 68 hours of portfolio homework during the 14-week semester. Courses with less than 28 hours of class time do not meet EBI requirements. Since "time plus focus equals learning," increased classroom time and active learning result in increased learning—and learning is the key to leadership and service. Courses start the week of January, May, and September. For maximum learning, it is recommended that working students take 2 courses per semester or 6 courses per year.

Late Work Policy

Completing work on time is an important habit for leaders to develop. Homework should be completed weekly before the class discussion and application. The grade for work that is between 1 and 7 days late is lowered by 20%. The grade for work that is between 8 and 14 days late is lowered by 40%. Work that is over 14 days late will not be accepted. Professors are to send to the EBI offices the grade sheet within 15 days of the end of each course so that transcripts can be updated each semester.

Portfolio Policy

To transfer credits from Equip Biblical Institute to Southern California Seminary, students must present a complete portfolio of their course work. The portfolio consists of the questions, journal applications and reflections, term papers, and exams for each course. Upon successful completion of the Associate of Biblical Studies, students may transfer 60-66 units into the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree. If the portfolio for a course is not complete, the credits may not be transferable. Portfolios must be completed individually—not as couples. Answers to portfolio questions are subjective so each student must do his or her own work.

			Grad	e Scale
Grade		Percent	Points	
Α	=	95-100%	950-1,000	FRI
A-	=	90-94%	900-949	ag ag CSBC
B+	=	87-89%	870-899	California Southern Sagnitic Convention
В	=	84-86%	840-869	94.20
B-	=	80-83%	800-839	auco as a
C+	=	77-79%	770-799	EBI
С	=	74-76%	740-769	Contraction of the last of the
C-	=	70-73%	700-739	Seminary
NC	=	Below 70%	0-699	
Student Eval	uatior	1		Percent Points
				55% 550
				10% 100
	10% 100			
	15% 150			
Final Exam				10% 100
Total				100% 1,000

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Midterm 7	Session 8	Session 9	Session 10	Session 11	Session 12	Presen- tation 13	Term Paper 13	Final Exam 14	Points	Grade
Ì	50	50	50	50	50	50	100	50	50	50	50	50	100	150	100	1,000	ABC

	Course Grading Rubric						
Grade	Requirements	✓					
Α	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 15-page paper with zero errors.						
A-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 12-page paper with 1 or 2 errors.						
B+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 11-page paper with 3 or 4 errors.						
В	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 8- to 9-page paper with 5 or 6 errors.						
B-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 7-page paper with 7 or 8 errors.						
C+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 6-page paper with 9 or 10 errors.						
С	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay are completed but need corrections.						
C-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay need individual tutoring or peer coaching.						
NC	Students earn less than 700 points or miss more than 3 sessions.						

It is possible to earn a "C" by writing an essay rather than a term paper, but it is necessary to write a term paper to earn an "A" or "B". Writing clarifies one's thoughts and is a key skill for an effective leader. Initially students may have difficulties in developing writing skills, but they will improve and gain confidence with each course they complete. It is important that professors help students improve their writing skills to maximize their thinking and leadership skills. Students should use the term paper rubric, sample term paper, and type-over template to write their term papers. Since students have different abilities, goals, responsibilities, and schedules, students can choose the grade for which they are aiming.

Writing is one of the most important skills that a leader can develop. As part of the academic agreement with Southern California Seminary, to earn an "A" students are required to email or mail a copy of their academic work to the EBI Registrar. The goal is to catch students doing something right and affirming them. The objective is to recognize and analyze the best term papers and to prepare next generation leaders for university level education by helping them improve their writing skills, thinking skills, and leadership skills.

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EBI is a religious exempt school and not accredited by the U. S. Department of Education; however, EBI Associate degrees are transferable to Southern California Seminary and other schools.

As students take each course their brains will develop a multitude of new neural connections increasing their ability to read with comprehension, make practical applications from what they are learning, and improve their communication, leadership, and writing skills.