

# *the* SCRIBBLERS

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## **Hurry Up and Wait**

By Talia Michel

*"Patience is not passive waiting. Patience is active acceptance of the process required to attain your goals and dreams."*

- Ray Davis

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." We know that God's got a plan for us, but are we willing to wait?

Let's look at the parable of the prodigal son. He ended up losing all that he could've had, purely because he grew impatient. He took what he could before his reward could reach its fullest. In Numbers 20:10-12 we see Moses's story about how he grew impatient with the people, and, because of that, he was not able to enter the promised land. In 1 Samuel 13:11-14, Saul, the first king of Israel, paid dearly for his hastiness and impatience. He took no delight in waiting patiently for God for anything. Consequently, he suffered great losses in life. And the list goes on. All these people who couldn't wait for the best to come, just ended up losing what they already had.

Finally, Psalm 130:5 states, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope."

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## **Is Sarcasm a Sin?**

By Erin Short

*"Sarcasm: the ability to insult idiots without them realizing it."*

- Unknown

Among many Christian communities the question circulates, "Is sarcasm a sin?" Does anyone really care about the answer? Sure, we all want to "do the right thing," but -- when it all boils down -- we all know that it feels good to deliver a solid line of "humor," dripping with sarcasm. We all know that all we're really doing is insulting the "mentally challenged" to earn ourselves a laugh.

But where is the line?

Surely we all understand that sarcasm, when intended to bring harm, is sinful. After all, Ephesians 4:29 says, "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." How *exactly* does insulting sarcasm fit into the "good for building up" or "grace to those who hear" categories?

The answer is, it doesn't. But what about sarcasm that is just a dry alteration of humor? After all, this form of "making people laugh" comes naturally to some of us. Ephesians 5:4 says, "Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking," which confirms that any sort of "humor" or "joking" should not, in any way, be degrading or crass.

Sarcasm should not be an outlet of anger, or a way to make people laugh by belittling others in a way you find amusing. It should be uplifting, or -- at the very least -- should not *ever* make someone feel offended or upset. Proverbs 26:19 sums these points up perfectly:

"Death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!"

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## The Dance of Anger

By Isha Michel

*"Speak when you are angry and you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret."*

- Unknown

We all know the verse, Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." But do we really think about it when we are angry? I surely don't, and I'm guessing most of you don't either. It's honestly really hard to control your tongue when you are hurting. So how do we do it? Here are five different ways:

1. **Pray** -- Prayer is a definite way to help control anger, constant prayer, and ask God to help with what you are dealing with.

2. **Deep breath** -- Back to the old "thinking before acting" thing. But it really works. Deep breath, calm down, and think, Do I *really* want to say what I am thinking? Will it tear my relationship and damage it? Probably. *So what else can I say?*

3. **Count to 7** -- This ties in with a deep breath, counting, and then a calm answer.

4. **Take a break** -- Sometimes when we fight it tends to get off point and onto something totally different. Decide to take ten minutes and go to a different room. Come back and you will find that it's a lot easier to actually *talk* about the problem.

5. **Let it go** -- I know, this is probably the hardest one on the list. But it's true, sometimes it's better if you just humble yourself and realize that it's not all about you, and that the other person(s) are more important than the thing you are fighting about.

So try it; you'll be surprised at the difference.

Ephesians 4:31-32 says to, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

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