

- Choosing to do what you should
- O even when you don't want to



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5

DAY 1

Up Hot
Cold Left
Long Love
Right Down
Easily angry Short

There are times when it is right to be angry—like when we see someone taking advantage of another person or causing harm to others. But being a person who is always angry—or who jumps to anger quickly—is not a loving person. The loving response is to think before you lose your temper!

KNOW that losing your temper quickly hurts those you love.

READ JAMES 1:19 DAY 2

Ask a parent or sibling to read the words below out loud. Every time you hear the word 'listen', run in place really fast. Every time you hear the word 'angry,' do a slow motion walk.

Listen listen listen listen listen listen angry listen angry angry angry angry listen listen listen listen listen listen listen.

Phew! That was exhausting. But being slow when you heard the word 'anger' really helped, didn't it? It allowed you to catch your breath. Just like that, in real life, when you chose to be slow to anger, it will allow you to catch your breath and think before you do something that could hurt someone else.

LISTEN quickly, but be slow to anger!

READ PSALM 141:3

DAY 3

Ask a parent for a Band-Aid® or a short piece of masking tape and a permanent marker.

Write "Psalm 141:3" on the bandage or tape and then place it over your mouth while you read the verse again. Then peel off the bandage or tape and stick it on your bathroom mirror for a few days as a reminder to ask God for help with controlling the things you say.

ASK God to help you keep your mouth shut when you're angry.



READ PROVERBS 29:11

DAY 4

Who is the wisest person you know?

Do they seem out of control?

Who is someone you know who you wouldn't exactly take advice from?_____

Do they have a lot of self-control?

Just like Proverbs 29:11 says, our self-control (or lack of it) displays how wise (or unwise) we are. If you want to be a wise person, you will have to do the things you should even when you don't want to.

ASK God to give you self-control and wisdom—they go hand-in-hand!

Think before you lose your temper.