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The Devotional

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1 Samuel 11:6

“When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger.” 1 Samuel 11:6 NIV

How often we have been dulled to evil by our constant exposure to it! Wickedness has a way of growing like a plant – first from a small seed until it fully blooms and ripens with the most foul of fruit. Christians who show their displeasure or voice their opinions against evil practices are often shamed into silence with accusations of intolerance or “un-Christ like” attitudes! Nothing could be farther from the truth! “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savor, with what shall it be salted?” (Matthew 5:13)

A consistent and growing relationship with the LORD will increasingly sensitize us to the presence of sin and evil. “But solid food belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Hebrews 5:14)

Legalism that produces a hardness of heart toward those Jesus came to liberate is a most subtle form of evil. Masquerading in pious overtures, legalism binds and chokes our liberty in Christ. It was this heartless and self-righteous attitude that sparked the anger of Jesus! “And when He had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts,” He said to the man, “Stretch forth your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as sound as the other.” (Mark 3:5).

Man’s anger will only lead to sin, but to cultivate a righteous anger at sin and its effects, will often be a crow bar used by the Spirit to liberate those bound by sin!