

**WHAT MAKES GOD ANGRY?**

What was Jesus like? The Gospels portray Him as someone with incredible patience and control. Even in the face of senseless questioning, ridicule and verbal abuse, Christ projected a calm and level demeanor.

There was one incident, however, where Jesus reacted with anger and righteous indignation. While visiting the Temple in Jerusalem during a Passover celebration, our Lord was scandalized to see merchants and vendors doing business on sacred ground. Quickly fashioning a whip of some cords, Jesus overturned their tables and angrily drove them out the the Temple, proclaiming: **“Take these things away! Do not make my Father’s House a house of merchandise!” (John 2:16)**

This event gives us some insight into what God DOES NOT want to see in our behavior. Greed and avarice are definitely not Christian qualities and characteristics! Christ’s confrontation with the money changers is one of many times that he expressed His disapproval of those who were driven by material profit and monetary gain. On the contrary, Jesus constantly reminded His followers that it would be meaningless to **“gain the whole world and still suffer the loss of their own soul.”**

From this Temple incident, we also may draw the conclusion that we incur the wrath of our Heavenly Father when we lose sight of the true purpose and direction the Church should be taking. **The Church as a BUILDING must be a place of PRAYER.** The Church as an **INSTITUTION** must always reflect an attitude of prayerful holiness and sanctity as she leads her membership on a spiritual journey. Out ultimate destination is of course, the Kingdom of Heaven.