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who is impulsive exalts folly.*

Biblical Principles To Help Us Properly React To Our Circumstances



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Proverbs 16:32 (NKJV)

*³² He who is slow to anger is
better than the mighty, And
he who rules his spirit than he
who takes a city.*

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Proverbs 15:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ A wrathful man stirs up
strife, But *he who is slow to*
anger allays contention.

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Acts 21:27–36 (NKJV)

²⁷ Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, ²⁸ crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”

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²⁹ (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) ³⁰ And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. ³¹ Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

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³² He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³ Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done.

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³⁴ And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. ³⁵ When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. ³⁶ For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, “Away with him!”

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- o·ver·re·act (ō'vər-rē-ăkt') intr.v. o·ver·re·act·ed, o·ver·re·act·ing, o·ver·re·acts
- To react with unnecessary or inappropriate force, emotional display, or violence.

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- Much misery can be caused by hasty, explosive, overreaction.
- To ourselves
- In society
- In our families
- In the local church
- Those we attempt to teach
 - *(many false doctrines are the result of overreaction to another false doctrine)*

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Overreaction Multiplies A Problem!



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- Result of news coverage -
- When wronged -
- When things do not go the way we want -
- When truth hurts -
Gal 4:16
- Responding to error -

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- Those who stirred up the people “SUPPOSED” Paul had defiled the temple - 27-29
- Paul is “DRUG” from the temple - 30
- They sought to kill Paul - 31
- A Roman Commander had to take control - 31-33 (*probably Claudius Lysias cf. 23:26*)
- The confusion of the people & their demands - 34-36
- Blinded by prejudice - 22:1-23



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- Why do we sometimes **OVERREACT**?
- Ignorance - 1 Kings 19:1-18
- Frustration - Num 20:11,12
- Pride gets hurt - Prov. 28:25; Ecc 7:8,9
- Prejudice - Prov 18:13; Jn 7:51
- Anger - James 1:19
- Envy - Jam 4:1-5
- Loss of control - Acts 19:23-34
- FEAR - Mat 6:19-33

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- How to prevent sinful **OVERREACTION** -
 - Replace pride w/ humility - 1 Pet 5:5-7
 - Relinquish control / Increase trust in God - 2 Pet 1:5-11
 - Establish treasure in heaven - Mat. 6:19-34
 - Increase love - 1 Cor 13:4-8
 - Listen - James 1:19
 - Increase patience - James 1:4

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A close-up, profile view of a man with a beard and mustache, looking downwards. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of his face against a dark background.

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ACTS 19:23-32 (NKJV)

²³ And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way. ²⁴ For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. ²⁵ He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. ²⁶ Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

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²⁷ So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.” ²⁸ Now when they heard *this*, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, “Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians!” ²⁹ So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions.

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³⁰ And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him.

³¹ Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater. ³² Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.