

The Problem of **UNDER-REACTION**



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The Problem of **OVERREACTION**

- 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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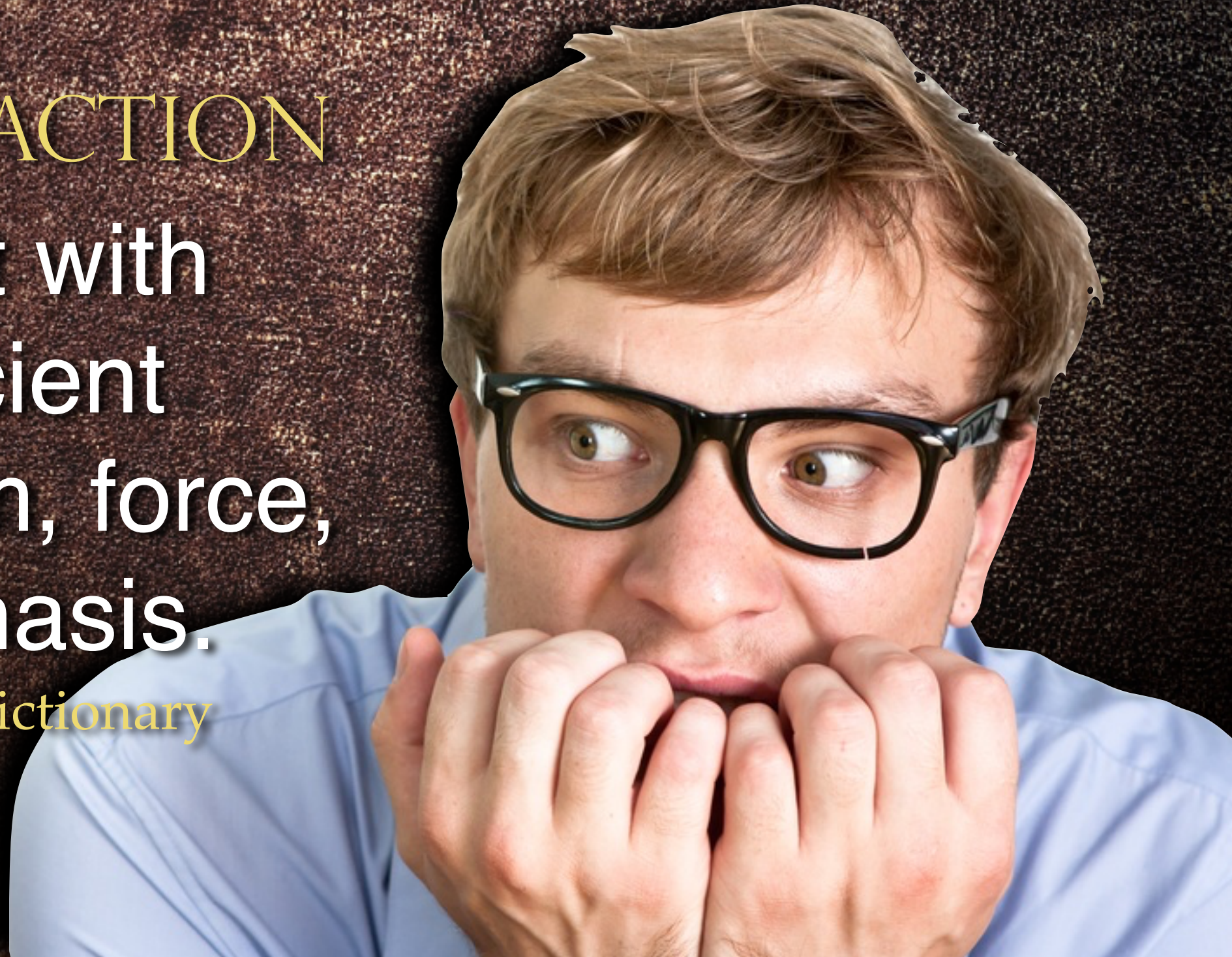
“We can ignore reality, but we cannot ignore the consequences of ignoring reality!” ~ Ayn Rand

The Problem of UNDER-REACTION TO DEFINE

UNDER-REACTION

To react with
insufficient
enthusiasm, force,
or emphasis.

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The Problem of **UNDER-REACTION** SEEN IN

- ◆ THE HOME -
- ◆ THE LOCAL CHURCH
- ◆ TEACHING THE LOST



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Opportunity

PLUS

Ability

EQUALS

Responsibility

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Proverbs 24:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ *If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.* ¹¹ *Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.* ¹² *If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?*

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CAUSES

- ◆ IGNORANCE —
HOS. 4:6
- ◆ LAZINESS —
PROV 21:25; 22:13
- ◆ FEAR —
MAT. 25:24,25
- ◆ UNCONCERN —
1 JOHN 3:17,18
- ◆ WEAK FAITH —
MARK 9:24



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ELI & HIS EVIL SONS —

1 SAMUEL 2:13-3:21



- ★ THE WICKED SONS OF ELI — 1 SAM 2:13-17
- ★ ELI REBUKED THEM — 1 SAM 2:22-25
- ★ PROPHECY AGAINST ELI - 1 SAM. 2:27-36
- ★ GOD REVEALS ELI'S END TO SAMUEL — 1 SAM. 3:10-21

The Problem of UNDER-REACTION AS PARENTS



- ★ PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN — DEUT 6:4-8; EPH 6:4
- ★ CHILDREN NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED — DEUT 6:7; PROV 13:24; 19:18; 22:6,15; 23:13,14; 29:15

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THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA — REVELATION 3:14-22



- ★ WAS LUKEWARM — 15,16
- ★ THOUGHT THEY WERE FINE BUT WERE NOT — 17,18
- ★ COMMANDED TO BE ZEALOUS & REPENT — 19-22
- ★ ALSO - PERGAMOS & THYATIRA — REV 2:12-29

The Problem of UNDER-REACTION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH



- ★ COLLECTIVELY - WE NEED TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
- ★ TEACHING THE GOSPEL - 1 THES 1:8
- ★ EDIFICATION — EPH 4:11-16
- ★ BENEVOLENCE — 1 COR 16:1-3; 2 CO 8,9
- ★ DISCIPLINE — 1 COR. 5

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THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT — MATTHEW 25:14-31



- ★ THREE SERVANTS RECEIVED MONEY ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITY — [5,2,1] — 15
- ★ THE 1 TALENT MAN BURIED HIS OUT OF FEAR — 18,24,25
- ★ CONDEMNED — 26-31

The Problem of **UNDER-REACTION** IN THE LOCAL CHURCH



- ★ TEACHING BIBLE CLASSES — EPH 4:11-16
- ★ ACCEPTING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES — 1 COR 14:26-34
- ★ SERVING BEHIND THE SCENES — ROM 16:1-16
- ★ GIVING — 2 COR 8:3-5

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TEACHING THE LOST



- ★ THE EXAMPLE OF EARLY CHRISTIANS — ACTS 8:4; 18:24-28
- ★ SALT & LIGHT — MAT 5:13-16; PHIL 2:14-16

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REMEDIES

- ◆ LEARN & GROW -
STRENGTHENING
OUR FAITH —
1 PET 2:2; 2 PET
1:5-10; 3:16
- ◆ WORK WITH FEAR
— PHIL 2:12,13
- ◆ INCREASE IN LOVE
— 1 JOHN 3:17,18; 1
COR 13:1-8



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DO NOW WHAT WE KNOW
WE OUGHT TO DO

- ◆ Procrastination of Felix - Acts 24:24-27
- ◆ Agrippa Almost persuaded — Acts 26:25-29
- ◆ Now is the time of salvation — 2 Cor 6:2



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1 SAMUEL 3:11–14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”