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*Encouraging Christian men  
in their walk with JESUS*

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**John 3:16**

For God --- the greatest being

So --- the greatest degree

Loved --- the greatest motivation

The world --- the greatest of God's creation (mankind)

That He gave --- the greatest expression of love

His only begotten son --- the greatest and most precious gift

That whosoever --- the greatest and broadest invitation

Believeth --- the greatest opportunity and challenge

In Him --- the greatest source of comfort

Should not perish --- the greatest danger

But --- the greatest contrast

Have --- the greatest possession

Everlasting life --- the greatest future



*"Those who expect to reap  
the blessings of freedom,  
must like men, undergo  
the fatigue of supporting  
it."*  
Thomas Paine

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is, there is freedom."  
2 Corinthians 3:17*

*"Liberty is the right to  
choose. Freedom is the  
result of the right choice."*



## Controlling One's Anger

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city (Proverbs 16:22, NKJV)

Who has never been angry? Who have never been on the verge of losing control? It is likely that not only have you been on the verge of losing control, that you might actually have done so a number of times. If you are conscientious, then it is also likely you have regretted it a great deal. I know I have.

Consider what we are being taught here by the Lord. If you slow your anger response down, to that degree you have controlled your emotion. Now, after having done so, each of us needs to progress a little further along in slowing our anger down. In time, with this effort, we will have complete control. It won't be our control, but the Lord's control of each of us who have heard and heeded His counsel. Note the comparison the Lord makes with the one who controls his anger – you are far more powerful, far more influential than one who takes a city in battle. The latter compels others to submit, but the former influences people to submit to the Lord. Ron Thomas. BG 3/17

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."* Proverbs 27:17



University Deacons 1970ish  
(Left to right)

Glenn Ward, Dee Mitchell, Jerry Hughes, Russell Davis,  
Merv Fortner, Tony Serravo, Jerry Selby,  
Thayne McKnight and Maurice Wright



Dee Mitchell, Jerry Selby and Thayne McKnight  
April birthday boys still "sharpening" after 40  
something years!  
(Jerry Hughes in abstentia)

An Unchanging God  
in Changing Times

## Times Have Changed

"Times have changed" is a common refrain from those who find themselves in contradiction with the Word of God. This happens especially when moral standards are involved.

First of all, one might question what folks mean when they say "Times have changed." Are they talking about a changing culture? Are they talking about changing attitudes—one's view of the world? It is most likely the latter.

The idea that times have changed seems to indicate to many folks that somehow God's standards have changed with regards to the sanctity of marriage, sexual improprieties, and myriads of other sins. There is a fundamental truth that is lost in this thinking which leads many to lives of sin: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). Clearly, sin is sin, regardless how much human attitudes may change. Not only so, neither God nor his Word changes: "For I am the Lord, I change not..." (Mal. 3:6); "God is not man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19); "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:34).

It is certain that there will be the judgment day coming. Sadly for many, what people think will not be the standard. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). A. C. Quinn. BG 3/17