

**The Wrath of Dan** by Dan Jenkins

Bible study that changes one’s life is not an intellectual exercise of finding verses and memorizing them. Simply finding truth is not the ultimate aim. Knowledge helps, but it does not change who we are. Can I share with you one approach I use as I read the Bible? The Bible uses the word “man” in so many places, and I often read a verse that has the word “man” in it and substitute the word “Dan” in its place. For example, when I read that “...it is appointed unto man once to die,” I make it personal and read it again as, “...it is appointed unto Dan once to die.” Doing this helps me see how what God says applies in my daily life. Your name doesn’t have to rhyme, but let me encourage you to put your name in these verses. I have struggled all my life with controlling my temper and anger. One verse that helps me is one that talks about a man’s anger. So, I read the verse that says, “The wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” ([Jas. 1:20](#)) and change it to speak of the wrath of Dan. That’s personal and that helps me change my life. Now with this truth as a basis, look at how what the Bible says about anger and wrath becomes part of the process of trying to become like Jesus. The word “man” is not found in many of them, but I read them and think about how these verses apply to me. “A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up strife” ([Prov. 15:1](#)). My name is not in this verse, but my life is. Look at how the ESV translates [Proverbs 15:18](#). “A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.” As I read these words, I remember that the “...the wrath of Dan does not produce the righteousness of God.” Look at it again. “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” ([Jas. 1:19](#)). This is not the way I read it, for I read it, “Let every Dan be swift to hear...” That makes it personal. I know by experience that “...the tongue no ‘Dan’ can control” ([Jas. 3:8](#), DJV), but I try to write what God has said about controlling anger on my heart, on my soul. I read them as if God is personally speaking to me. “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” ([Eph. 4:31-32](#)). This article is not about me. It is written to encourage every reader to read the words of the Bible as though God is speaking directly to each one who reads. Make His instruction and admonitions personal. Bible study is not about reading. It is about writing His words on our hearts!

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**The Brushy Beacon**  
“Abounding in the Word in 2026”  
October 11, 2026

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| 9 a.m. Sunday Bible Class      | <b>Elders</b>  | <b>Deacons</b>                  |
| 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship | Ricky Atkinson | Paul Johnston    Terry Banks    |
| 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship  | James Atkinson | Justin Atkinson    Caleb Truett |
| 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study   | Tony Duncan    | Kevin Johnston                  |

**Have I, In So Doing, Fulfilled my Purpose?** by David Sproule

It can be easy for us to forget or overlook it sometimes, but we have a defined purpose on this earth, as specified for us by God Himself. We can get so wrapped up in the affairs of daily living that our sights get set more “on things on the earth” than “on things above” ([Col. 3:2](#)).

Likely this is why God regularly reminds us in Scripture that “it is He who made us, and not we ourselves” ([Psa. 100:3](#)), and that having been “bought with a price,” we are “not [our] own” ([1 Cor. 6:19-20](#)). Jesus tells us that we are to let our light shine ([Matt. 5:16](#)). But why? We are to love and serve one another ([John 13:34-35](#)). But why? We are “created in Christ Jesus for good works” ([Eph. 2:10](#)). But why? What is our purpose?

Our purpose is summarized in passages such as these. “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” ([1 Cor. 10:31](#)). Through us is to “be made known” the “manifold wisdom of God,” that the beauty of His church might be on full display ([Eph. 3:9-11](#)). All that we do is designed to help others to see Christ ([1 Cor. 11:1](#); [Gal. 2:20](#)) and to “glorify God” ([1 Pet. 2:11-12](#)). That! That is my purpose! Thus, everything that I say and do must be measured against that purpose—“Have I, in what I say and what I do, fulfilled my purpose?”

When I give someone a piece of my mind, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I keep myself distanced from involvement in the church other than Sunday morning attendance, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I post mockeries or rebukes of fellow Christians on social media, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I prioritize my children’s sports and extracurricular activities over the church, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I choose to go along with the wishes of society and remain silent about godly values and Biblical morality, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I regularly post and comment about divisive political matters but rarely or never post about Christ and His church, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I talk to folks about nearly everything under the sun but choose to avoid discussing the gospel of Jesus and their soul’s destiny, have I fulfilled my purpose?

Do you know what Jesus says about someone who does not fulfill their God-given purpose? These are His words. Such individuals are “good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men” ([Matt. 5:13](#)). May God help me to examine myself and set out daily to fulfill HIS purpose!



**Welcome** We're so glad you're here! Welcome to a time of worship and learning from God's Word. We hope this will be a blessing to you and that you'll join us again.

**Team 2 – Compassion Card Group** You will need to sign cards today. Please go to the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Caleb and Paige if you have questions. Ella, Mabry, Nolan Ricky & Jo Kevin, Amy, Caden Paul & Evelyn Braxton, Madison, Houstyn, Oaklyn, and Breelyn

**All Ladies are Invited...** to the Secret Sister Reveal Meal today, October 11, following the morning worship service. Please bring your favorite dish or fingerfood and enjoy the fellowship! You don't have to be a secret sister in order to attend.

**The Men's Meal...** will be on Sunday, October 11, following morning worship under the pavilion. All men and young men are encouraged to attend!

**Evangelism Table** Ever wonder why there is a table in the back of the auditorium? It is filled with evangelism materials. Books, Dvd's, and study materials to help you share God's Word with others. Feel free to take a look and pick up anything that you would like to help in your study of God's Word.

**Compassion Cards Explained** Each week we send out cards to visitors, people in the community, friends, and family who may not attend worship anywhere. Think about your family and friends and consider submitting their name to receive a card. There is a box and cards on the Evangelism Table to fill out to submit their name. Also, if you are not currently on a team and would like to be, please see Kevin or Amy to be added.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to...** the family of Kim Willis Pieratt. She is the niece of David & Jeannine Grimes. Her funeral will be on October 13, at 4 P.M. at McDonald Funeral Home.

**A Happy Birthday to...** David Fitzgerald...October 9 J Hinson...October 13  
Fred Bowman...October 16

**Colossians 3:23-24**

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.  
You are serving the Lord Christ.”

**Upcoming Events**

- \*Today, October 11 ~ Secret Sister Reveal following Morning Worship at the Annex
- \*Today, October 11 ~ Men's Meal Following Morning Worship under the pavilion
- \*Sunday, October 25 ~ Singing Night with Aden Weber Speaking ~ Worship & Fingerfoods under the Pavilion - Setup: Cindy & Crystal

**For the Record**

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| Sunday Morning Bible Class | 45     | Sunday Morning Worship | 54 |
| Sunday Evening Worship     | 29     | Wednesday Evening      | 32 |
| Contribution               | \$1531 |                        |    |



**A Friend of Cecily Nunes** requests our prayers for the health and safety of her unborn baby.

**Continuing Prayer Requests**

**Dealing with Cancer** - Glen Herrington, Robin Walters, Hilda Atkinson, Dennis Edwards, Matt Howell, Woody Woodruff

**Special Requests** - Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Annis Womack, Karen Bowen, Vera Woods, Glenda Dorton

**Pray for Those in Nursing Homes**

Fred Bowman (Murfreesboro); Joanna Campbell (Life Care Centerville)

**Ongoing Prayer Reminders**

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually.

**You'd Better Watch Your Mouth - God is! By David Sproule**

Words are just words. Right? How is it that some words can be classified as “acceptable” to speak and other words are “unacceptable” to speak? How can most words in the English language be normal, ordinary words but a select few be pulled out and deemed “vulgar” or “profane”? If God does not specify which words are appropriate and which ones are not, how can I know the difference? Obviously, with words having different meanings in different languages around the world and in different cultures throughout the centuries, the Bible could not possibly list all profane words for all languages in all cultures for all time. But, God does categorize, in principle, words that He deems unacceptable, and with careful and honest study, “The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable” ([Prov. 10:32](#)). You know words that fit the following. **God condemns “corrupt” words ([Eph. 4:29](#))**. These are words that are rotten, “bad, evil, unwholesome, in a moral sense.” You know words like this. **God condemns “foolish talking” ([Eph. 5:4](#))**. These are words that are “foolish, dull, stupid.” **God condemns “coarse jesting” ([Eph. 5:4](#))**. This denotes a “risqué wit” that utters vulgar or off-color jokes. **God condemns “filthy language” ([Col. 3:8](#))**. “Filthiness” is condemned in [Ephesians 5:4](#) as a “behavior that flouts social and moral standards, shameful, obscenity.” In [Colossians 3:8](#), the focus is on “speech of a kind that is generally considered in poor taste, obscene speech, dirty talk” that is considered shameful. **God condemns words that “allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness” ([2 Pet. 2:18](#))**. These are words that paint pictures and lead to thoughts of “unbridled lust, indecency, wantonness” and illicit sexual desires and conduct. **God condemns “malicious words” ([3 John 10](#))**. These are words that are “morally or socially worthless, wicked, evil, bad, base, vicious, degenerate.” Knowing that God is aware of every syllable that proceeds from my tongue and that I will be judged for every word I speak ([Matt. 12:36](#)), my prayer should be, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer” ([Psa. 19:14](#)). **God can and will help you!**