

# Precept Study: Nugget #2 – Respond with Discernment, Not Emotion

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**In regards to:** The fact that we are often provoked to sin by others is why this Nugget is of utmost importance. We are to be Holy, to be a Light in the midst of this evil dark world. Our faithfulness to God is challenged when we are provoked by triggers that set off negative emotions. We can't help the feelings we feel, but we can learn to better discern the attempts of the enemy, that we don't give place for sin. We can learn so much from the New Testament readings of how our Messiah responded to those who opposed Him. In your personal readings I encourage you to take note of how our Lord responded in provoking situations. Ask yourself what you would have done, or what you do when those types of things happen to you. Are you walking in Victory as our Lord did? Here I share a very powerful revelation from one single verse of scripture.

As it is written;

\* Rise not up [in anger] at the presence of an injurious person, lest he lie in wait to entrap thee in thy words. (KJVA Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 8:11)

- An injurious person is a person who is scornfully rude, disrespectful, and/or insulting. This type of person is prone to upset you, crafty they are at triggering you to anger. Once they have you in an emotional/vulnerable state, you are likely to speak things you normally wouldn't—and your emotions will overtake your good judgment and choice of words. At this point they will use what you say in this moment of despair against you, continuing to fuel your anger, continually entrapping you in your own words. At this point you look like the aggressor/culprit in the situation. An injurious person is not satisfied until they look like the "saint" in the situation, using manipulation to portray things the way they desire them to be portrayed. All this is possible if we error and rise up "in anger" in their presence.

**Sir/Eccl 8:11**; is a short sentence of wisdom, reminding those seeking righteousness to not even get aroused by such folks, "don't even entertain them", therefore we stay in control with good judgment/discernment of the situation and what we say in it—not allowing our anger/emotions to cause us to error. If we act on this scripture, we portray ourselves as we truly are, and can leave a dire situation SPOTLESS, without BLEMISH!!

- Also family, this is the same spirit that the leaders of Israel had against the Messiah. That's why they wanted Him dead because they could NEVER entrap Him in His words—and COULDN'T sway the people away from Him, *NOR His teachings*. He kept His emotions in check and always discerned their attempts.

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- They continually tried to accuse/condemn Him and FAILED *each time*. This infuriated them even more because their manipulative tactics didn't work on Him. Through His patience through their many attempts, they actually revealed themselves as the snakes they were.

## [ Wisdom of Solomon in the KJV Apocrypha: Chapter 2:12-19 ]

(12) Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous; because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings: he upbraideth us with our offending the law, and objecteth to our infamy the transgressings of our education.

(13) He professeth to have the knowledge of God: and he calleth himself the child of the Lord.

(14) He was made to reprove our thoughts.

(15) He is grievous unto us even to behold: for his life is not like other men's, his ways are of another fashion.

(16) We are esteemed of him as counterfeits: he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness: he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his father.

(17) Let us see if his words be true: and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him.

(18) For if the just man be the son of God, he will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his enemies.

(19) Let us examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience]. (Wis 2:12-19 KJVA)

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Amen & Amen.

So be it.

*All praises, glory, and honor be to the Most High God אלהים  
the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—in the precious Name of His Son  
ישע the Messiah Christ—Our Lord, Savior, King and Redeemer!  
Eternal Blessings upon the Elect of God, now and forever!*

KJVA = King James Version Apocrypha | Sir = Sirach (also referred to as Ecclesiasticus)

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