

THINGS THAT ANGER GOD

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1. **STUBBORNNESS** (Exodus 4:10-14)

Christians who read their Bible know what God wants them to do. When they refuse to do it, it provokes God to anger. The more knowledge you have concerning the will of God, the more accountable you'll be at the Judgement Seat. Laziness, fear, unwillingness to lay down your life, etc.; these are things that will cause you to make excuses and refuse God's commands.

2. **IDOLATRY** (Deuteronomy 4:25-26)

God doesn't want you worshipping things (images, statues, dollies: representations of things that God created) that you've made with your hands. There have been those who disobeyed this command and it caused them to "perish from off the land" (vs. 26).

3. **COMPLAINING** (Numbers 11:1, 10)

God has been good to us. Why do we still complain? Next time you catch yourself on the verge of complaining, stop and remember the ways God has blessed you. Be thankful you have the Holy Spirit to get you through the difficult times. Thank God you're not going to hell. Complaining angers the Lord.

4. **PRIDE / BEGRUDGING OTHERS** (Numbers 12:7-9)

When you see a brother or a sister in Christ, one who has been faithful, obedient, godly, and prosperous in the things of God, are you tempted to resent them for their stand for the Lord or for the blessings that God has bestowed on them? Are you becoming bitter because they seem to have opportunities that you think you should have? —Step back and repent of that sin of begrudging. Rejoice with them that rejoice (Rom. 12:15). Don't envy them. We're on the same team!

5. **PLACING OUR WILL ABOVE GOD'S WILL** (Numbers 22:22)

When you knowingly ignore God's will because of opportunities that you'll "miss out on," and you do what you want to do even though you know it's wrong, you're certain to kindle God's anger. God knows more than you do. He knows what's best for you. If you aim to be in His will, your life will be all the better for it.

6. **SEXUAL IMMORALITY** (Numbers 25:3-5)

Never mind what society accepts today. God hasn't changed His mind about sexual purity (Heb. 13:4, Eph. 5:3). God knows that sexual immorality will ruin a nation beyond recovery. Adultery and fornication destroys the family unit. When that happens on a large scale, the nation cannot stand.

7. A SPIRIT OF REBELLION (Numbers 32:9-15)

We've got to obey God and we've got to obey the laws of the land and the authorities that are over us. We can't expect anyone to listen to us about the gospel when they know we're rebels at heart. Children need to obey their parents, ladies need to respect the God-ordained family structure. Men need to respect their employer and managers. This will require a lot of humility (1 Peter 5:5-6).

8. MARRYING AN UNBELIEVER (Deuteronomy 7:2-4)

The wrong kinds of human relationships will destroy your spiritual relationship with God. Most often, when a believer marries an unbeliever, the believer will bend to the will and the ways of the unbeliever and waste their life serving their spouse instead of serving God. If you're single, you'll be better off to wait until God sends you a godly man/woman to marry, no matter how long it takes.

9. COVETOUSNESS / LOVE OF MONEY (Joshua 7:1)

The love of money (1 Tim. 6:10) will lead you into actions that will violate the known commandments of God.

10. LACK OF REVERENCE FOR HOLY THINGS (2 Samuel 6:6-7)

The way we treat the Holy Bible, the way we dress for church, how we conduct ourselves in the sanctuary, vain usage of God's name, etc.; these are things we ought to handle with care and reverence, not flippancy, disrespect, and levity.

11. EXPLORING/PRACTICING SPIRITISM (2 Kings 21)

Don't even dabble in the occult: it's dangerous and it angers God.

12. FALSE RELIGION/TRUSTING GOOD WORKS INSTEAD OF JESUS (Jeremiah 44:3-6)

Many religions can instruct a person on how to be a "good person" and live a good life. There will be many, many "good persons" in hell. When you trust your own goodness, you are rejecting the Son of God, Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. Your good works are not equal to Jesus Christ! Christ rejecters anger God. Stay away from false religion.
