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I don't spend much space in this paper promoting Truett activities, but I do need to call several things to your attention.

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### **SECOND ANNUAL PASTORS/LAYMANS CONFERENCE, FEB. 16-18, 2004**

I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend our second annual Pastors/Laymans Conference on Feb.16-18, 2004. It will be, I believe, Baptists' best meeting of the year. No registration is necessary.

Program personalities include: Jack MacGorman, Phil Lineberger, Richard Jackson, Buckner Fanning, John Nguyen, Bobby Dagnel, Ellis Orozco, Liz Ngan, Bruce Webb, Martin Dixon, Stan Allcorn, David Garland, Joseph Parker, Roy Thoene, Jimmy Dorrell, and Joel Gregory. The music will be directed by David Humphrey.

Motel space is available within proximity of our campus at reasonable rates. You will find a listing of the motels, rates and phone numbers on our web page at [www.truettseminary.net](http://www.truettseminary.net) (click on "For Alumni/Churches" then "Pastors-Laymans Conference") or by calling Nancy Floyd at 254-710-6089.

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### **SPECIAL I-TERM FOR CREDIT OR CONTINUING EDUCATION, JAN. 5-10, 2004**

We are strengthening our I-terms to offer additional credit to our students as well as continuing education opportunities for pastors and other staff members from the field. Classes are offered 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Professors and course offerings for I-terms are

- Millard Erickson, *Theology and Critical Thinking*
- Dan Pryor, *Studies in Leadership: Managing for Ministry in Action*
- Joel Gregory, *Studies in Preaching*
- Bill Pinson, *Baptist Identity*
- Liz Ngan, *Old Testament Readings: The Garden of Eden*

You will need to register for these classes by calling the Office of Student Services at 254-710-6071 and by filling out a special student application (available online).

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### **DO YOU NEED A SUPPLY PREACHER OR A BIBLE TEACHER?**

We have a number of outstanding preachers and Bible teachers who will be happy to assist you as a supply preacher, Bible teacher, conference leader, or retreat leader. See our web page at [www.truettseminary.net](http://www.truettseminary.net) for names and phone numbers of our faculty.

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### **LEADERSHIP**

Cheryl Hall, business columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, asked three former standouts of the Dallas Cowboys, all members of the organization's Ring of Honor and all participants in a Super Bowl: What can business managers learn from Bill Parcells? She reported their comments in a November 2004 column.

Condensing their replies, the basic advice becomes: You have to have good people, a plan of action with set goals, and assigned responsibilities.

1. Good people: If all players contribute at their maximum ability, a team can sometimes overcome not having the greatest players on the field.
2. A plan of action: Parcells had a well-planned advance strategy, and he didn't abandon it at the first misstep.
3. Set goals: Attaining a goal results in a sense of achievement. When one goal is reached, you reset your goal a little higher.
4. Assign responsibilities: He makes it clear, mistakes or not taking care of your duties will not be tolerated...and if you don't pull your weight you won't be a part of this football team.

They said that Parcells cares intensely about his players. This is shown through the relationships that exist between him and his former players.

The principles of good leadership and management are the same in the church as in football, only the style is different. We are servant leaders, but we must have good people, a plan of action, firm goals, and assigned responsibilities. That spells success anywhere, anytime.

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## QUOTES

- You can't tell by a limo if a man is rich. You've got to measure him by his friends. (David E. Kelley's Emmy Award-winning legal drama, *The Practice*, seen on ABC-TV)
- A man flattened by an opponent can get up again. A man flattened by conformity stays down for good. (Thomas Watson, Jr.)

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## ILLUSTRATION

Dr. Robert Mastin of Corpus Christi is a gynecologist and obstetrician who has delivered more than 7,000 babies. He says, "When you pause to consider how a baby is conceived, how it grows, and what a man is like, there is no way it could happen by accident. How could anyone possibly doubt God?"

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## SERMON OUTLINE

**Author** Paul Powell, dean of Truett Seminary

**Title** The Good and Bad of Anger

**Text** Ephesians 4:26-27

**Introduction** Psychiatrist Karl Menninger (1893-1990) said, "However sweetly we may interpret the fact, the human child begins his life in anger. The cry of a child just born is not one of lament, but rather of wrath."

We must deal with anger from the cradle to the grave. The Scriptures admonish, "Be ye angry and sin not." Obviously, not all anger is sin. When does anger become sin?

- I When it is selfish. Christ was angry but never at personal attacks.
- II When it is harbored. We must not let it canker into bitterness and resentment.
- III When it is uncontrolled. Nixon once said, "Never lose your temper except when you do it on purpose."

**Conclusion** There's a place for righteous anger, but we must not let it become sin.



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