

RAGE

You may remember “the scrooge” from “A Christmas Carol”. Whether it was animated, as in the Disney version, or any of the other versions, the scrooge is a positively angry man whose cruelty and self-centeredness has no bounds or limits.



“Rage” is an uncontrolled anger – when someone is angry to the point that they cannot control themselves. Often cited, “Hell has no rage like love to hatred turned” is a quote that has become a condition or malady in my life...followed by the rest of the

quote! The rage of others, however and whenever inflicted, has lasting, adverse consequences.

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, nor hell a fury like a woman scorned.

- William Congreve, English dramatist (1670 - 1729)

Condemnation of the person enraged is not my advice, but verbal and action-packed condemnation of the behavior is necessary; basically, such behavior is childish and, in cases of the family, marks an immaturity in

emotional development, substance abuse, and/or other possible conditions deserving professional intervention. **Never face-off or go head-to-head** with such rage – it will accomplish nothing; but most likely, will feed, encourage and elevate the behavior.

To my sons, I especially address you as the eventual leader of your family: do not fight *fire-with-fire* but, instead, rise above such behavior in yourself or that of others in the family, workplace, etc. Only when righteousness is at stake, should rage be the course taken – and only then, when the costs are understood. Rise above this behavior – do not feed it!

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