

Questions for Chapter 14: Virtues Opposed to the Vice of Anger:

1. Once again, define anger. What makes the difference between anger as vice or virtue? Name the three types/species of anger. How does one wisely express or suppress anger? Which virtues does this require?
2. Define gentleness or meekness. How does this virtue dispose man to God? How is friendliness related?
3. St. Thomas teaches that vindication can be virtue or vice. When is vindication a virtue? What is the objection to vindication as virtue? How does St. Thomas answer this? Although our Lord taught to turn the other cheek, there are circumstances when defamation should be answered. What are those twofold circumstances? What three stages of wrath must we avoid when we are considering defending ourselves from defamation?
4. How does Fr. Cole define "toxic love"? How is this different from "tough love"? How do these things manifest themselves in the Church? What is appropriate fraternal correction? Is there ever a time that public defamation is appropriate? As with several other things we've discussed, detraction can be a sin or not. What is the difference? When is public detraction not a sin?