

Love... does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil...

I CORINTHIANS 13:5

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Provoked:
touchy (TLB)
irritable (NLT)
quick tempered (CEV)
quick to take offence (NEB)
easily angered (NIV)
doesn't fly off the handle (MSG)

#5
People of <u>irate</u> and <u>irritable</u>
dispositions do more to
cause damage in their personal
relationships than any event,
circumstance, and problem.

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"How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it."

—MARCUS AURELUS

"He who restrains his anger overcomes his greatest enemy."

—LATIN PROVERB

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"People who fly into a rage seldom make a good landing."

—WILL ROGERS

I. Identify 5 Common Sources of Anger and Irritability in Your Relationships

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The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.

—PROVERBS 19:11

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Love is patient ...
I CORINTHIANS 13:4a

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When the other fellow takes a long time, he's slow.
When I take a long time,
I'm thorough.
When the other fellow doesn't do it, he's lazy.
When I don't do it, I'm busy.

When the other fellow does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds. But when I do it, that's initiative. When the other fellow overlooks a rule of etiquette, he's rude. But when I skip a few rules, I'm original.

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When the other fellow pleases the boss, he's an apple polisher.
But when I please the boss, that's cooperation.

When the other fellow gets ahead, he's getting the breaks.
But when I manage to get ahead, that's just the reward for hard work.

—JOHN MAXWELL

Be a People Person

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"Hurting people hurt people."

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"Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They do not mean to do harm. They are absorbed in the endless struggle to think well of themselves."

-T.S. Eliot

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"A man is as big as the things that make him angry."

-WINSTON CHURCHILL

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Positively: Be angry and sin not, do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. EPHESIANS 4:26-27

Slide29.jpg Slide30.jpg "He who would be angry and not sin, must be angry at nothing but sin."

—REV. WILLIAM SECKER

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II. Investigate Ways to Diffuse and Deal with Anger in Your Relationships

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- · Be precise about the offense.

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- 4. Pray for self control.

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