

[Love is not] ⁵rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful...—1 Corinthians 13:5 ESV

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Irritable:

touchy (TLB)
provoked (NKJV)
quick tempered (CEV)
quick to take offence (NEB)
easily angered (NIV)
doesn't fly off the handle (MSG)

Principle #5

"People of irate and irritable 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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Identify Five Common Sources of Anger	
and Irritability in Your Relationships	1. Anger rises out of impatience.
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Love is patient —1 Corinthians 13:4a ESV	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.
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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.	When the other fellow pleases the boss, he's an apple polisher. But when I please the boss, that's cooperation.
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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	2. Anger rises out of insult.
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Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense. —Proverbs 19:11 ESV	3. Anger rises out of injury.
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"Hurting people, hurt people."	4. Anger rises out of inferiority.
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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	"A man is as big as the things that make him angry."—Winston Churchill
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5. Anger rises out of iniquity.	"He who would be angry and not sin, must be angry at nothing but sin." —Rev. William Secker
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Investigate Ways to Diffuse and Deal With Anger in Your Relationships	Consider Your Patterns

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A man of quick temper acts foolishly—Proverbs 14:17a ESV	A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention. —Proverbs 15:17 ESV
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A man of great wrath will pay the penalty—Proverbs 19:19a ESV	"People who fly into a rage seldom make a good landing." —Will Rogers
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Concentrate on the "Mortification" of the Flesh	¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. —Ephesians 4:17-18 ESV
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30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit ...²²to put off your old self, which of God, by whom you were sealed belongs to your former manner for the day of redemption. 31Let all of life and is corrupt through bitterness and wrath and anger and deceitful desires, 23 and to be clamor and slander be put away renewed in the spirit of your minds, from you, along with all malice. ²⁴and to put on the new self, 32Be kind to one another. created after the likeness of God in tenderhearted, forgiving one true righteousness and holiness. another, as God in Christ forgave —Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV you. —Ephesians 4:30-32 ESV 33.jpg 32.jpg ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. —Ephesians 4:26-27 ESV Close the Door of Opportunity 34.jpg 35.jpg Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. —Ephesians 4:31 ESV Choose Forgiveness

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