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“It gives me much more personal desire to reach them. The fact that Jesus Christ died for all makes me interested in the salvation of all, but the fact that Jim loved and died for the Aucas **intensifies** my love for them.”

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It is hard to show love...

- but fortunately God is in the business of helping me do the impossible!

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We are inclined to look upon bad temper as a very harmless weakness... And yet here, right in the heart of this analysis of love, it finds a place; and the Bible again and again returns to **condemn** it as one of the most destructive elements in human nature...

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The peculiarity of ill temper is that it is the vice of the virtuous. It is often the one blot on an otherwise noble character. You know men who are all but perfect, and women who would be entirely perfect, but for an easily ruffled, quick-tempered, or “touchy” disposition...

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The compatibility of ill temper with the high moral character is one of the strangest and saddest problems of ethics.

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Angry people are focused not on others but on their **own** emotions and issues. When leaders are angry, problems are exaggerated, miscommunication and misunderstanding abound, and objectivity and reason disappear...

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When anger rules, small problems become big explosions that can blow a church to pieces. *I am **convinced** that much more damage is done to our churches by out-of-control anger than we care to admit.* It is a big problem.

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Godly Communication:

1. Speak the Truth [do it today]
2. Edify
3. Be humble

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Key Question concerning “**irritable**”

- When I am dealing with someone who is disagreeable or thoughtless, or who simply sees things differently than I do, what comes out of **me**?

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On the one hand, keeping tabs on wrongs done to us presumes that **we** are the ones who get to repay the wrongs. Love absorbs evil without calculating how to retaliate. On the other hand, keeping count of wrongs allows **us** to take advantage of another’s guilt.

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If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something, I can neither give nor receive.

- Dorothee Solle – German Theologian [1929-2003]

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Key Question for “**resentful**”

- Am I “keeping score” against a brother or sister in Christ – or against **anyone**?