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Some people seem to have shorter fuses than others, and they flare up and say things that they wish later had never been spoken. If two of this kind of people are together very long, they may wind up in a fist-fight over something that wasn't even worth fussing about, let alone fighting about.

The Bible says in Colossians 3:13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." The word *forbearing* means to be extraordinarily patient. The person who does not control his temper cannot obey this verse.

A Christian once said to his friend, "I have a bad temper. I got it from my father"

His friend asked, "Have you been born again?"

"Oh, yes," he replied.

"Then," said his friend, "you didn't get it from your Heavenly Father."