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# Dealing With Difficult People Pt 1

Philippians 2:3-4



How Many Know People Who...  
...Remind You of This?



A hand with fingers spread is pointing towards a green chalkboard. The hand is in the foreground, and the chalkboard is in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**How Many Know People Who...  
...Remind You of This?**

**We All Have Them...**

**...in Our**

- **Past**
- **Present**
- **Future**

**Can't Always Avoid...**

**..but Can Learn How to Handle**







- **All of Us Can Be Grumpy & Difficult to Deal With**
- **From Time to Time We Will...**
  - ...Encounter Folks Who Behave in the Same Way, or Worse
- **When You to Deal With Difficult People (And You Will)...**
  - The Following Tips Should Help

# Difficult People vs Toxic People

## Difficult

- Believe They Are Right
- Have a Hard Time...  
...Listening to Others
- Calloused to Their Ways
- Hard to Change
- Usually Don't Know
- Can Turn Toxic

## Toxic

# Difficult People vs Toxic People

First things first

# Difficult People vs Toxic People

## Difficult

- Believe They Are Right

## Toxic

- Believe They Are Right

## Proverbs 14:12 (AMP)

There is a way which seems right to a man *and* appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death

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- They Know
- Are Also Difficult



Be thankful for  
the difficult people  
in your life, for  
they have shown you who  
you don't want to be.

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**Realize**

**Difficult People Are a Part of Life**

**You Can't Always Avoid them**

**If You Don't Deal w- Them Correctly**

**They Will Sap Your Energy**

**Weigh You Down**

**But Dealt With Correctly**

**Both Will Be Bettered**

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**Do Make Sure You're Not the One Being Difficult**



# Do Make Sure You're Not the One Being Difficult



**The Problems May Have Their Origin Within Your Own Heart**

**• If So, Fix Yourself First**

**Philippians 2:3-4**

*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*



# Do Make Sure You're Not the One Being Difficult



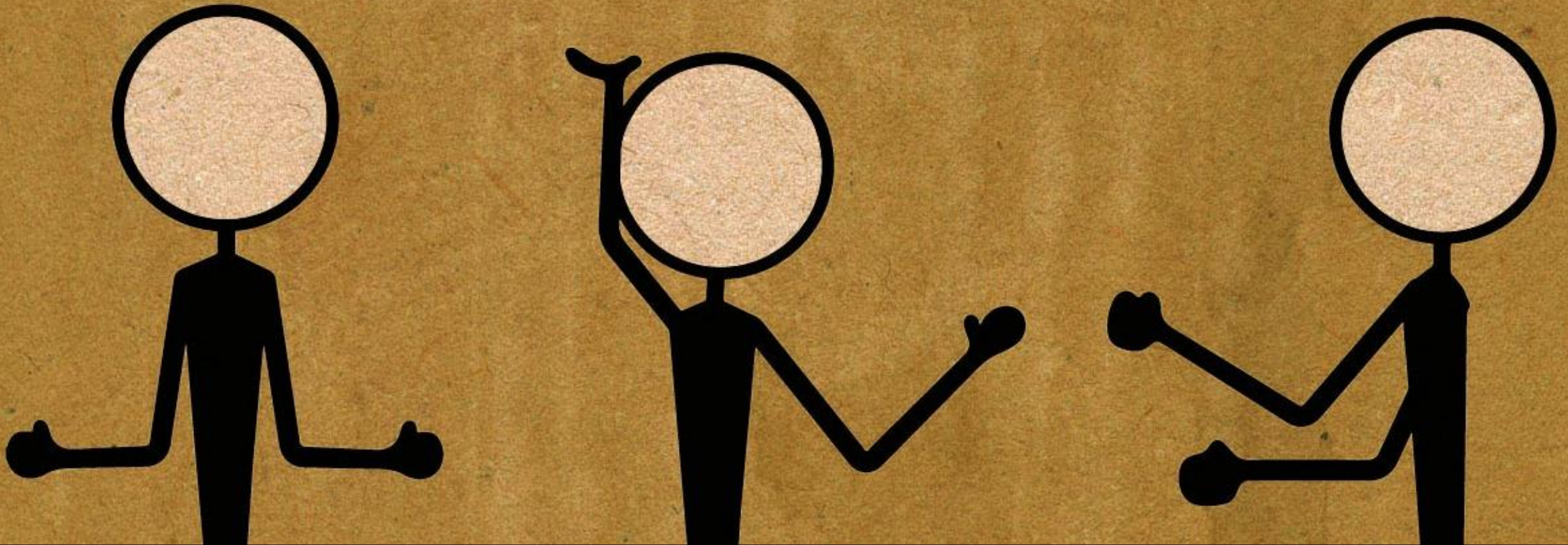
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- <sup>3</sup> Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead.
- <sup>4</sup> Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. **Phil 2:3-4 (MSG)**



# Sandpaper People

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*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" -Philippians 2:13*

**Consider This:**

- They May Be God's Sand Paper
- God Could Be Changing You



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## Sandpaper People

### Philippians 2:13 (AMP)

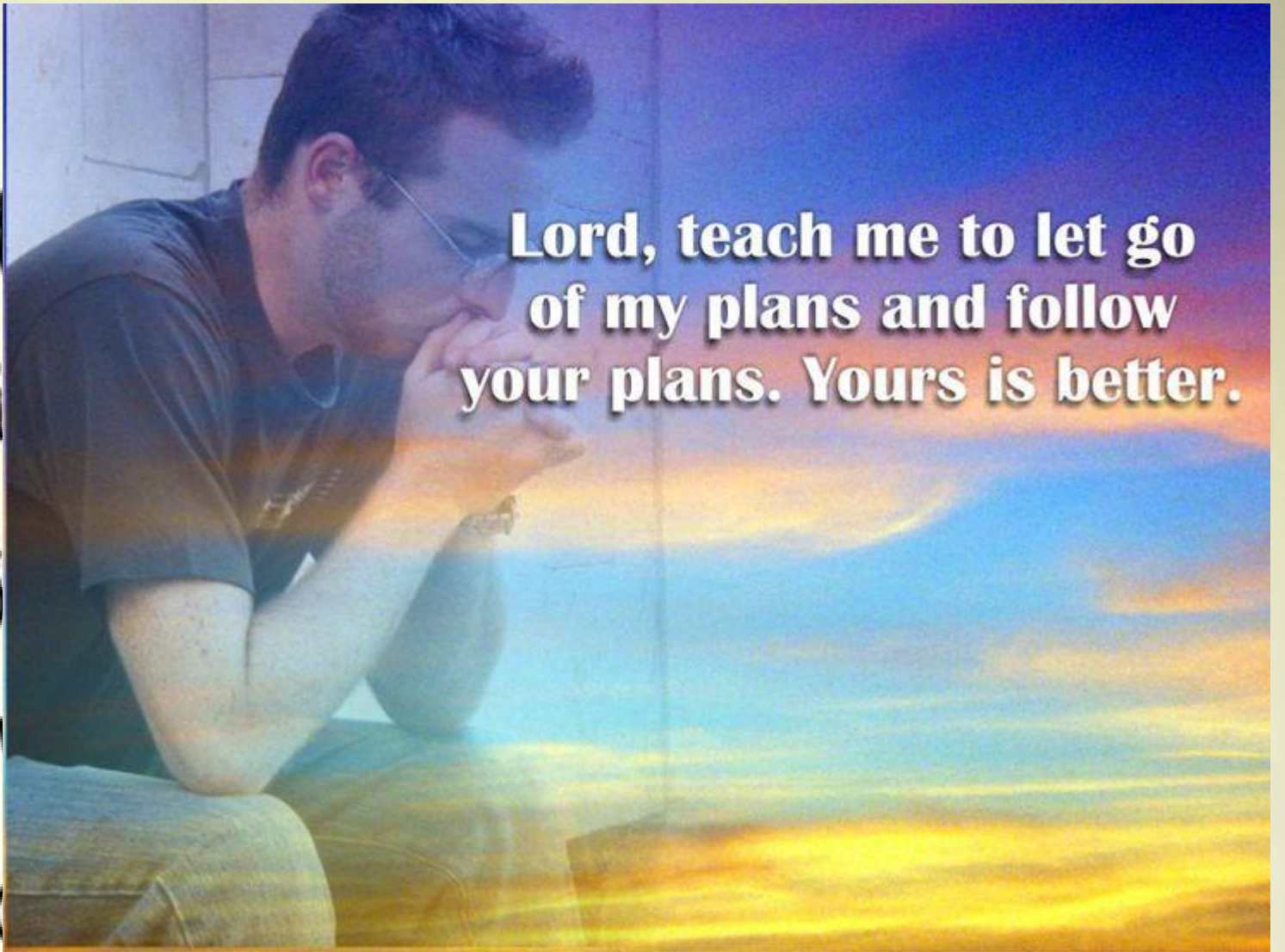
<sup>13</sup> [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure *and* satisfaction *and* delight.

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**Lord, teach me to let go  
of my plans and follow  
your plans. Yours is better.**

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**Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)**

<sup>11</sup> I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

**EVEN WHEN  
WE CAN'T SEE IT,  
GOD IS WORKING THINGS  
OUT  
FOR OUR GOOD**

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