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# Dealing With Difficult People Pt 2

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## The “Don’ts”

Philippians 2:3-4



A hand is shown pointing towards the right side of the image. The background is a green chalkboard with a wooden frame. The text is overlaid on semi-transparent white and light blue rectangular boxes.

**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

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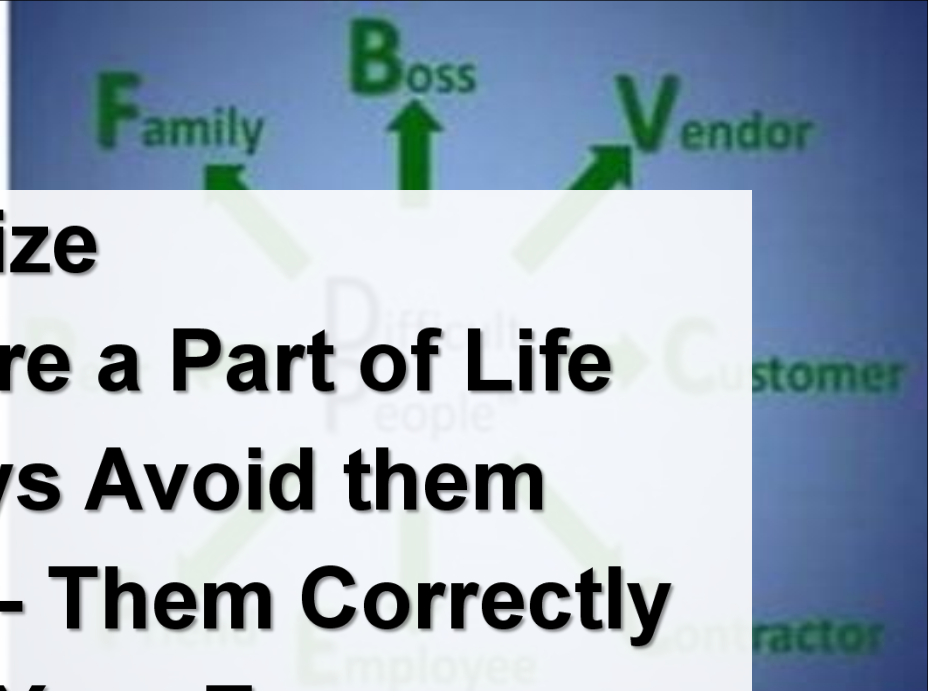


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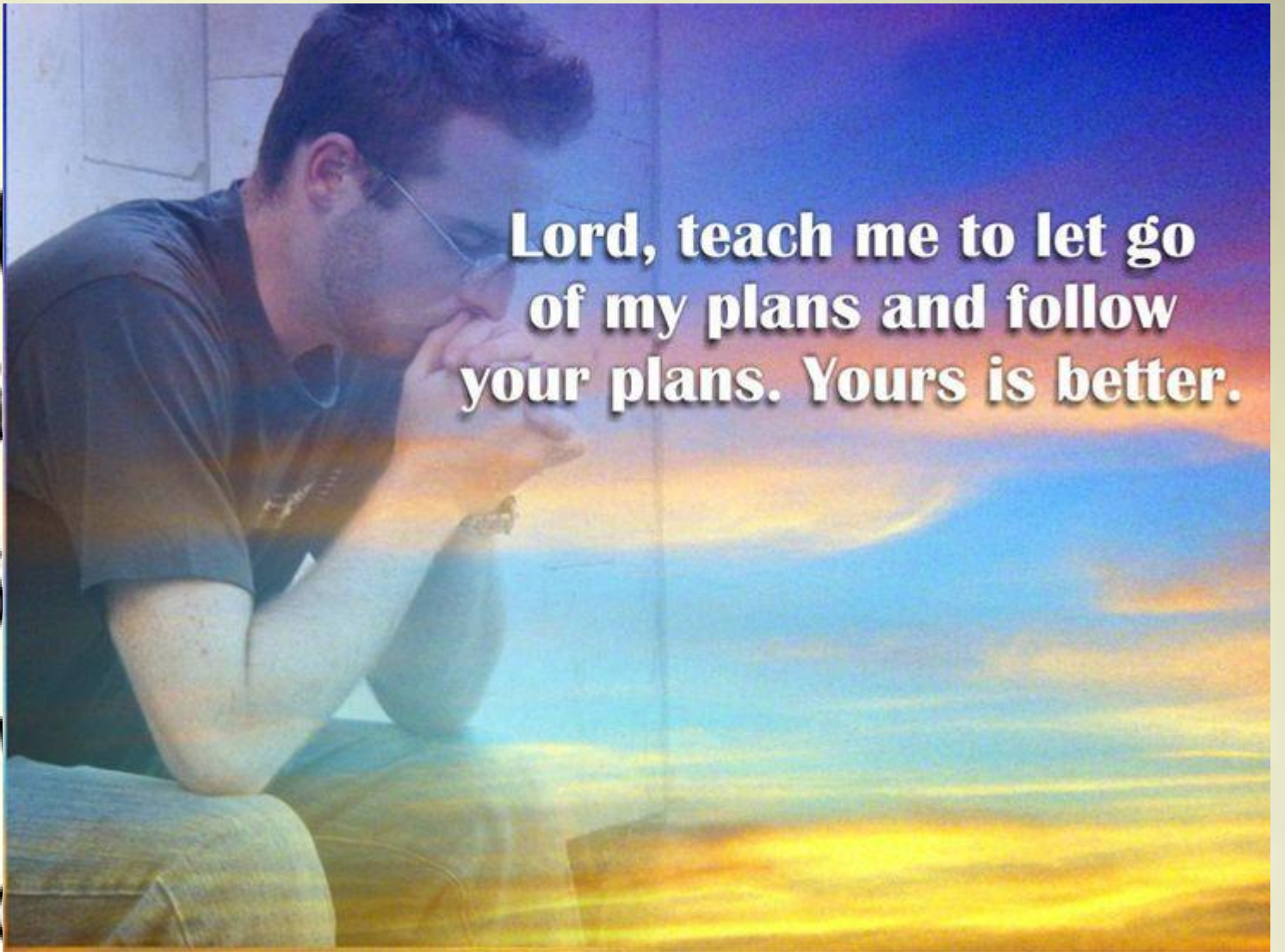
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**Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)**

<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.

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**Prov 15:1**, *A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.*

**Prov 21:9**, *Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman (or man)*

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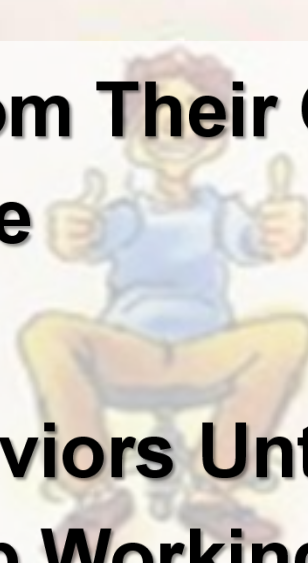
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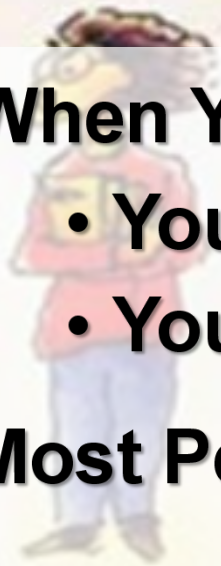
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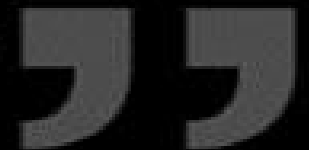
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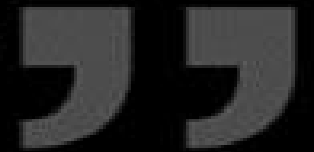
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**Remember:**

- Emotions are Highly Contagious, You Could Become Angry, Too.**
- Make the Conscious Effort to Remain Calm (Proverbs 22:24, 25)**

*24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go,  
25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.*

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**Working with people is  
difficult, but not impossible.**

Peter F. Drucker





Note to self...

Today, so I can have peace, I will pray for the difficult people and situations I am dealing with. I will not repeatedly re-hash everything in my head. I may have to pray 50 times, but that is better time spent, and more productive, than just dwelling on something.