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Dealing With Difficult People Pt 3

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The “Do’s”

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 the image in white and black boxes.

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

We All Have Them...

...in Our

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

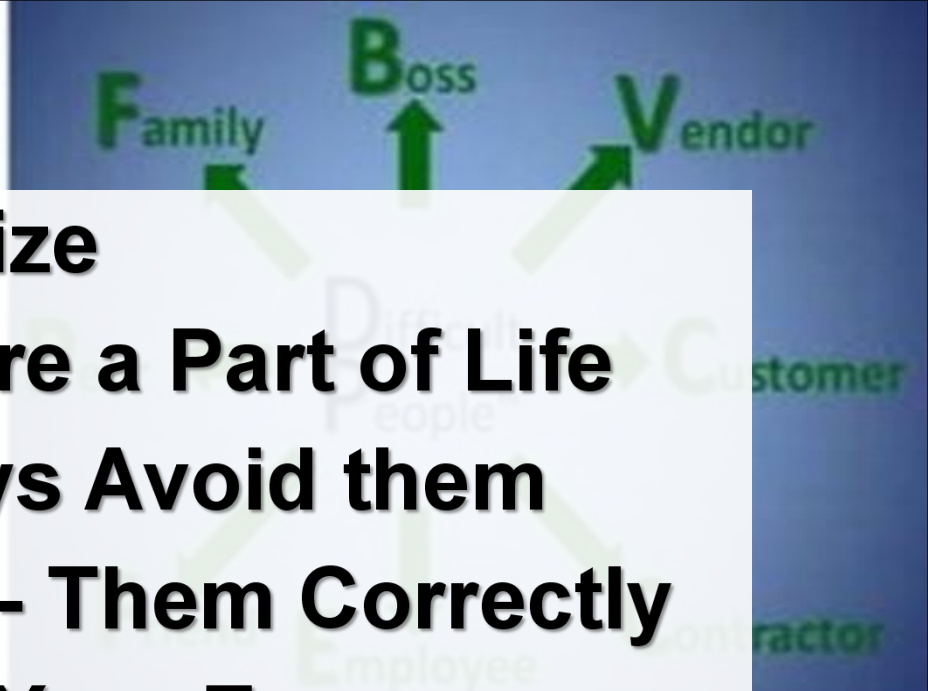
Can't Always Avoid...

..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

DIFFICULT PEOPLE



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

Do you recognize these people?



The Know-It-Alls

They're arrogant and usually have an opinion on every issue. When they're wrong, they get defensive.



The Passives

These people never offer ideas or let you know where they stand.



The Dictators

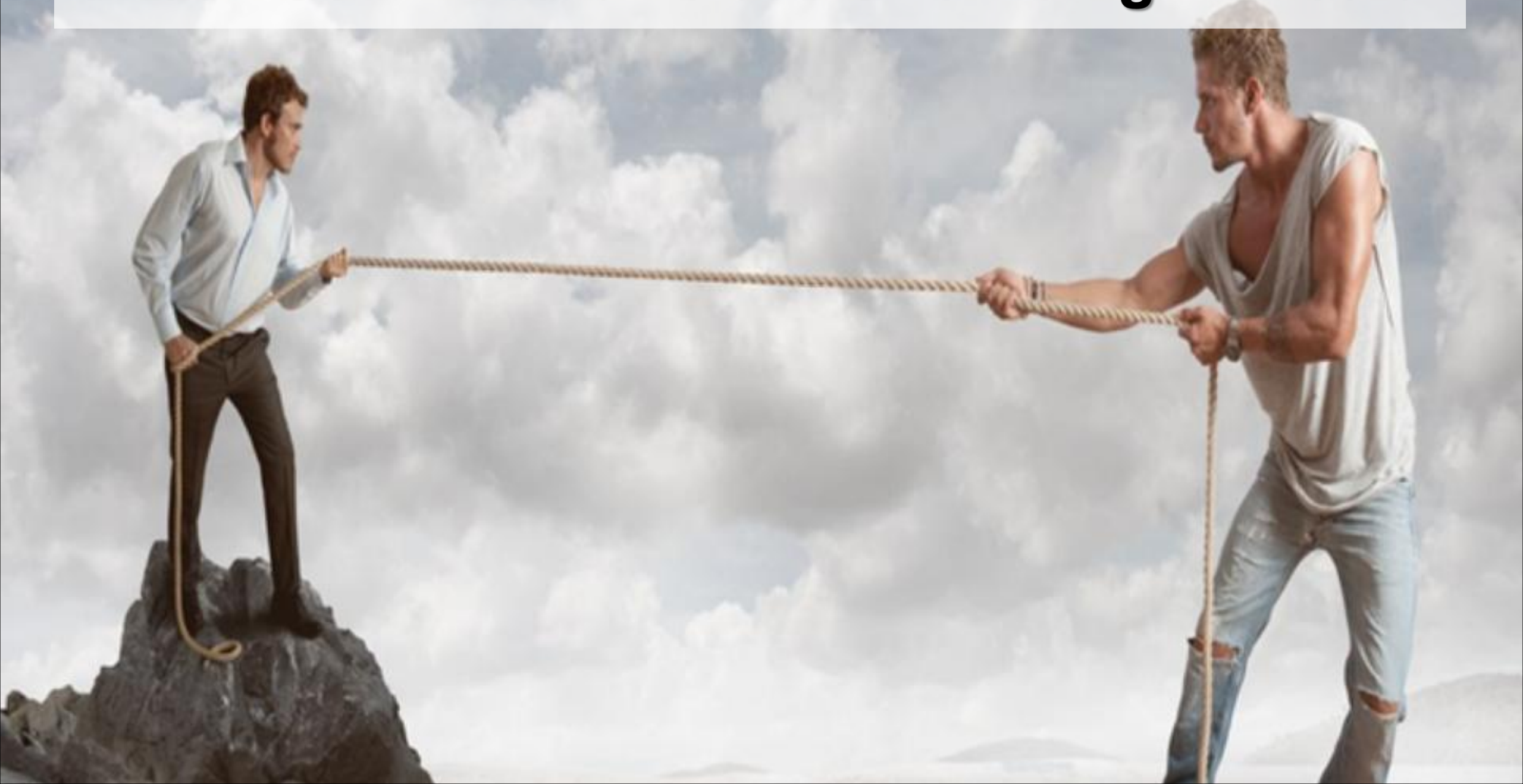
They bully and intimidate. They're constantly demanding and brutally critical.

Of course you recognize them. They're the people you work with, sell to, depend on, live with. Learn to deal with them quickly and confidently at *Dealing with Difficult People*.

Most of us encounter unreasonable people in our lives. We may be "stuck" with a difficult individual at work or at home. It's easy to let a challenging person affect us and ruin our day.



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Do Not Protect Them from Consequences

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Don't Allow Yourself to Become Caught Up in the Other Person's Emotional Outbursts

FOR OUR GOOD

If You're Being Mistreated...

- Physically**
- Emotionally**



A photograph showing a man in a dark suit being physically mistreated by another man in a light-colored suit. The man in the dark suit is being held back by the neck of his shirt, and his face is contorted in pain or anger, with his teeth bared. The background is plain white.

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- **But in a Calm, Mature, Resolute Manner.**

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Do Stand Up for Yourself

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14“ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15“ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. –Matt 6:14-15

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Do Forgive

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Life Has a Lighter Side—Look For It...

...Especially When Times are Tough.

Laughter is medicine for the soul, so take your medicine early and often.

(Proverbs 17:22)

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Make Your Own Corner of the World Peaceful, Productive, Purposeful

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Those Difficult People

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those who braced
themselves
against you and
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with you?



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Lord,
Let me be a
light for you
in the world
today.