

## Jokes

**Husband to wife...**

**You should learn to embrace your mistakes...**

**SO he hugs him tightly**

**You never appreciate what you have til it's gone...**

**Toilet paper is a good example**



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# Dealing With Difficult People



Philippians 2:3-4

A hand is shown in the foreground, reaching out towards a green chalkboard. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The chalkboard is the background, and the overall scene is framed by a wooden border.

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

**We All Have Them...**

**...in Our**

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

**Cant 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:

# 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.*



# Don't Try to Change the Other Person

## Sandpaper People

People Change When **THEY** Want To...

...Not When **YOU** Want Them To.

- We Don't Don't How to Break Them...

  - ...Where to Break Them

  - ...Or How Much

  - ...This is God's Job

*"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



# SHOWING KINDNESS TO

**Lectures Can Turn Into Nagging; Building Walls Instead of Bridges  
Since Nagging Usually Creates More Problems Than It Solves...  
...Save Your Breath.**

**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)*

**Don't Lecture**





# Do Not Protect Them from Consequences?

When You Protect Other People From Their Consequences...

- You're Doing Them A Disservice
- Your Becoming An Enabler.

Most People Don't Learn New Behaviors Until...

...The Old Behaviors Stop Working,

Hebrews 12:5, 6-

*5And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:  
"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."*

Learn to deal with them quickly and confidently at *Dealing with Difficult People*.



The Know-

It All

They're arrogant

or let you know

their opinion on

they're wrong

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they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

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Passives

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or let you know

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but all you can do is

they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

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Dictators

They bully and

They're constantly

but all you can do is

they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

The "Yes

People

They agree to any

They're constantly

but all you can do is

they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

The "No"

People

They are quick

They're constantly

but all you can do is

they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

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Grippers

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they're the people you work with, set to depend on, live with.

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

**If Someone is Ranting, or Worse, You Have the Right to Get Up/ Leave.**

**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.*

## **Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right...**

## **...But Three Lefts Make a Right Turn**



A background image 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 shows a pained and angry expression. The man in the light suit is leaning over him, appearing to be the aggressor.

## If You're Being Mistreated...

- Physically
- Emotionally

**It's time to start taking care of yourself.**

- It doesn't require an angry outburst
- But in a calm, mature, resolute manner.

***For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."***

***6So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" -Heb 13:5***

**Do Stand Up for Yourself**

**If You Can't Forgive Those Who Have Hurt You,**

**You're Hurting Yourself More Than You're Hurting Anyone Else.**

- **Forgiveness Should Not Be Confused With Enabling**
- **After You've Forgiven The Difficult Person In Your Life...**

**...You Are Not Compelled To Accept Continued Mistreatment**

*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*

**We are all fallen creatures and**

**all very hard to live with. C. S. LEWIS**

**Do Forgive**



# **Do Learn to Laugh in the Difficult Times**

**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)**

**A keen sense of humor helps us to**

**overlook the unbecoming,**

**understand the unconventional,**

**tolerate the unpleasant,**

**overcome the unexpected, and**

**outlast the unbearable. BILLY GRAHAM**

# **Do Accept Personal Responsibility...**

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

- **If Your World Is a Little Crazy...**

**...Perhaps It's Time to Consult Who You See in the Mirror.**



**NO ONE CAN DRIVE US CRAZY  
UNLESS WE GIVE THEM THE KEYS**



## **W- God's Help, You Can Discover a Peace that Passes Understanding**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)**

**Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.**