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Philippians 2:3-4



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



A hand with fingers spread is positioned in the foreground, reaching towards a green chalkboard. The chalkboard has some faint, illegible markings. The background is a solid green color.

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

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

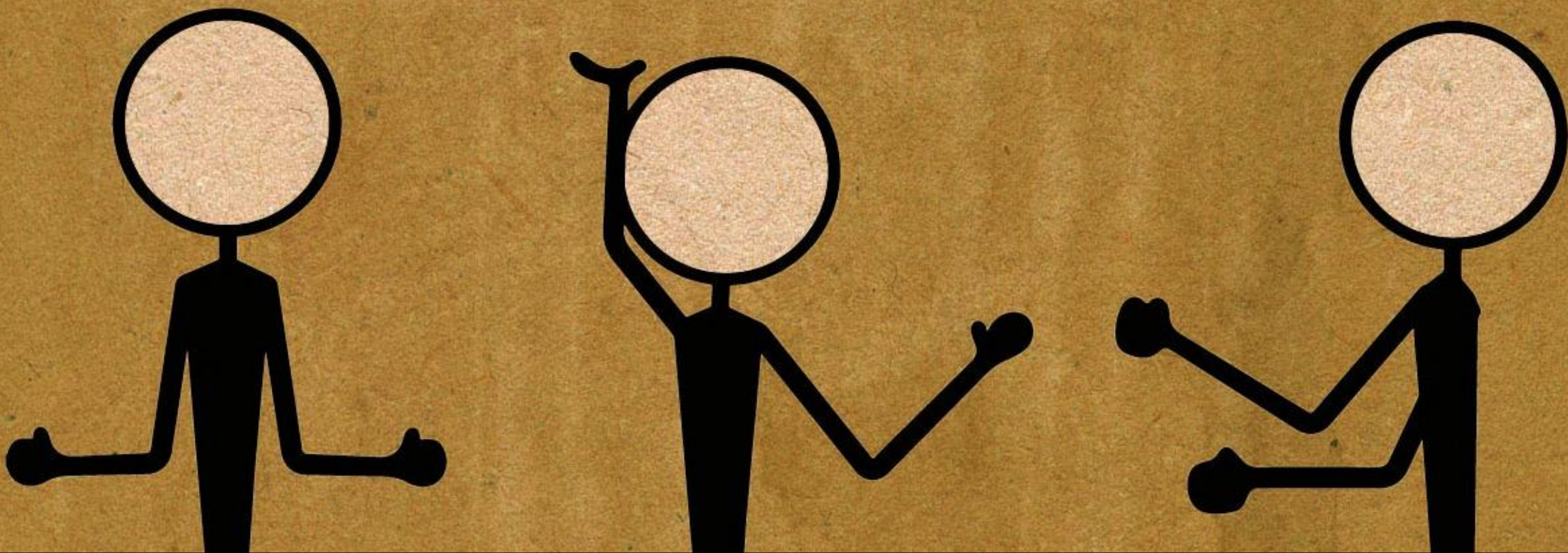
- **If So, Fix Yourself First**

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.

Sandpaper People

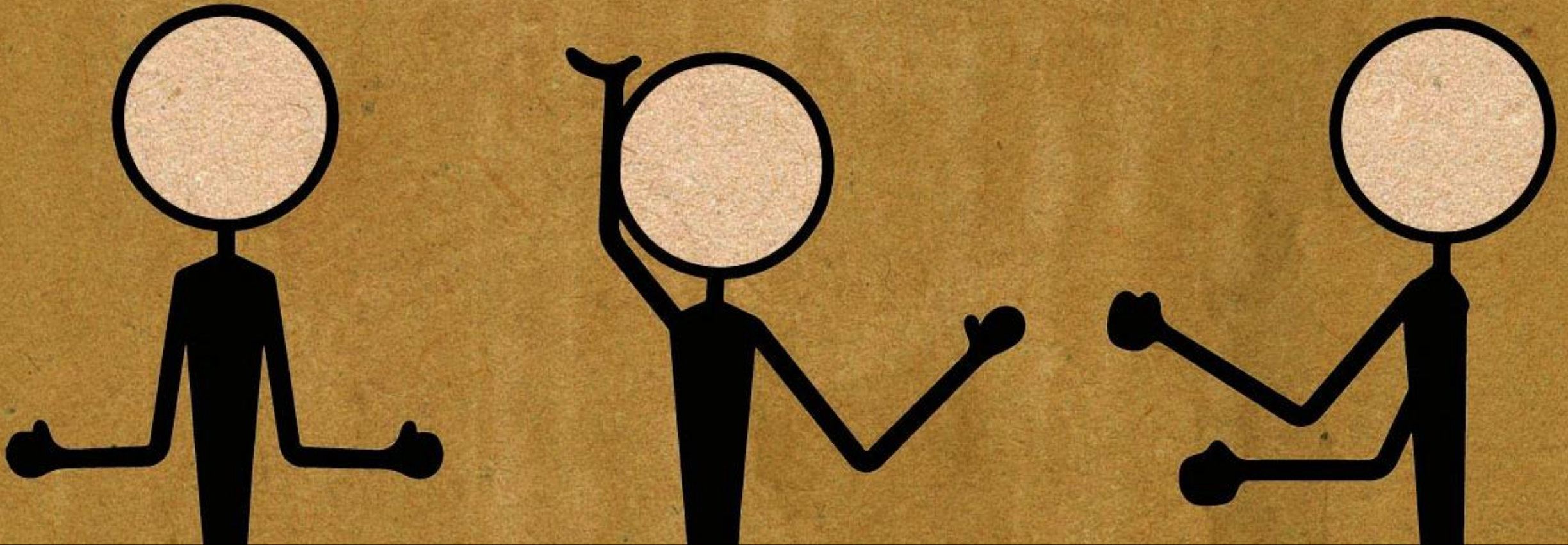
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People Change When THEY Want To...

...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

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TO
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Don't Lecture

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 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.



The "Yes" People

They agree to any commitment, yet rarely deliver. You can't trust them to follow through.



The "No" People

They are quick to point out why something won't work. What's worse, they're inflexible.



The Grippers

Is anything ever right with them? They prefer complaining to finding solutions.

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*.

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-

5 And 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; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

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the Other Person's Emotional Outbursts**

Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right...

...But Three Lefts Make a Right Turn

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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.

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Do Stand Up for Yourself

A photograph of 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 background is plain white.

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

We are all fallen creatures and
all very hard to live with. C. S. LEWIS

Do Forgive

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

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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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Do Accept Personal Responsibility...



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

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.



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Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)

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