

## Getting Along With Difficult People



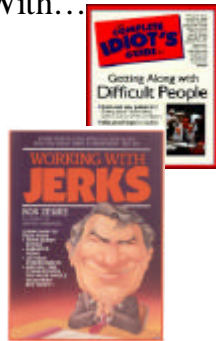
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## How to Get Along With...

- Your Boss
- Your Roommate
- Your Teachers
- Your Spouse
- Your Mom and Dad
- Your Brothers & Sisters
- Your Neighbor
- Your Friends
- Your Co-workers



## 10 Types of Difficult People

1. The Bullies and Sherman Tanks
2. Exploders & Intimidators
3. Snipers & Back-Stabbers
4. Know-it-all & Arm-chair Experts
5. Party Poopers & Balloon Poppers
6. Two-faced Agree-ers & Suck up Hypocrites
7. Indecisives & Vacillators
8. Unresponsives & Chameleons
9. Negativists & Critics
10. Complainers & Whiners



How do others perceive you?

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- 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.
- 20 Therefore if you enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.
- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Negative Commands

*Understand yourself and others equally.  
Don't try to be so high falutin. Don't overestimate yourself.*

- Do not be proud.
- Do not be conceited.
- Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
- Do not take revenge.
- Do not be overcome by evil.



*Greek word: Phroneo = It's all about perceptions.*

## Positive Commands

Live in harmony with one another.  
Be careful to do what is right.  
Try hard to live at peace with everyone.  
Bless your enemy.



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if he is thirsty, give him something  
to drink. In doing this, you will  
heap burning coals on his head."*

## Conclusion: Jesus Said...



1. Take it with a Smile - Matthew 5:11
2. Treat them with Style - Matthew 5:38-42
3. Go the extra Mile - Matthew 5:41

### Salt & Light

Mark 9:50 - salt is good as long as it has its savor...  
Colossians 4:6 - let your speech be seasoned with salt...  
Philippians 2:15 - be blameless and harmless, without rebuke

"In the world you will have troubles; but be cheerful I have overcome the world." - John 16:33