

Mother's Day

Getting Along With Difficult People

Romans 12:16-21

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The Problem of Getting Along

From backyard to school yard, from adolescence to senility, from marriage to divorce, from the boss to the mailroom guy, getting along with people is hard to do. Some people are just jerks.

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

Famous Books

Working with Jerks by Ron Zimke

Don't Get Mad - Get Even : The Fine Art Of Revengemanship by Jane Inder

The Big Book of Revenge by George Hayduke

The Idiot's Guide to Getting Along With People

Famous Quotes

You can call it an argument all you want, but we both know it's a fight! – Rebecca Houser

If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships -- the ability of all people, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace. -- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Have you learned lessons only of those who admired you, and were tender with you, and stood aside for you? Have you not learned great lessons from those who braced themselves against you and disputed the passage with you? ---Walt Whitman

The person who grabs the cat by the tail learns about 44 percent faster than the one just watching. – Mark Twain

10 Types of Difficult People

1. The Bullies and Sherman Tanks
2. Snipers & Back-Stabbers
3. Exploders & Intimidators
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



(ie) Lincoln

(ie) The hot penny

Side By Side

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Paul's Instructions on Conflict

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Negative Commands

1. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

2. Do not be conceited.

3. Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

4. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

5. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Positive Commands

1. Live in harmony with one another.

2. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

3. Try hard: If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

4. Bless him: On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Avoid attributing internal motives to behavior; assume good intentions. Remember that everybody is somebody's difficult person at least some of the time.

Exegesis

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Paul's Advice - Positive and Negative Commands

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

16 Live in harmony

phroneo = understand together, likeminded, same mind, cognizant) of one another.
Understand yourself and others equally.

Do not be proud.

Phroneo = Mind not high things but be led away *sunapago* with, men of low estate (*tapeinos* = low off ground)

Don't try to be so high falutin. (-falutin, comes from the verb flutence) "a high-faluting, scooting, shooting son-of-a-gun from Arizona." 1912 by Grant Clarke, Ragtime Cowboy Joe

Do not be conceited. Be careful to do what is right in everyone's eyes.

Phronimos - prudent, wise in our estimation
(Don't overestimate yourself.)

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

Never pay off *apodidomi* with evil.

Provide *Perceive* things *pronoeo* = perceive things with the mind, (do what is right in eyes of everyone)
perceive things as honest = *kalos* or beautiful, handsome, excellent

18 If possible with you - *eireneuo* be at peace, live in peace

19 Do not take revenge.

Ekdikeo - Punish not another person Do not punish others, but give a wide berth to anger.
rather *topos* - give space to anger (give a wide berth to)

21 Do not be overcome by evil.

Nikao - conquer not, be not a winner with evil
But *Nikao* - win with *agathos* - pleasantness

Conclusion: Jesus Said...

1. Take it with a **Smile** - Matthew 5:11 count it all joy (James 1:2)
Do not be conceited as though you never aggravate anyone.
Romans 12:18
2. Treat Everyone with **Style** - Matthew 5:38-42 do good, bless and curse not (ie) Abraham Lincoln. Think no evil, do no evil, speak no evil. Romans 12:20 Heap coals on his head.
3. Go the Extra **Mile** - Matthew 5:41 as much as lies in you. (ie) Popeye, "That's all I can stands, and I can't stands no more!" Romans 12:21
Do good to those who abuse you, speak good instead of evil. Overcome evil with good.

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

Salt

Mark 9:50 **Salt** is good: but if the **salt** have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have **salt** in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with **salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Light

Philippians 2:15 That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights **in the world**;

Perceive

16 *Be* of the same <846> mind <5426> (5723) one toward another <1519> <240>. Mind <5426> (5723) not <3361> high things <5308>, but <235> condescend <4879> (5734) to men of low estate <5011>. *Be* <1096> (5737) not <3361> wise <5429> in <3844> your own conceits <1438>.

17 Recompense <591> (5723) to no man <3367> evil <2556> for <473> evil <2556>. Provide <4306> (5734) things honest <2570> in the sight <1799> of all <3956> men <444>.

Abraham Lincoln

Tail of a Dog

“If you called the tail of a dog a leg, how many legs would a dog have.”
Answer usually was, Five. With a smile he would respond, “*No, he’d still have four legs. Calling a tail a leg won’t change anything.*”

I do the very best I know how. The very best I can. And I mean to keep on doing it. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, then *a legion of angels swearing I was right will make no difference.*

A Letter

Stanton, Secretary of State, under Lincoln was enraged by the incompetence of many of the generals. Enraged said, “I would like to write him a letter and tell him what I think of him.” Lincoln replied, “Why don’t you do just that. Sit down and write him a letter saying everything you think.” So he spent the next two days carefully wording his scathing letter. When the letter was complete he read it to Lincoln.

Now through it in the waste basket. You feel better now and that is all that is necessary.

General Robert E Lee

Spoke in highest terms concerning another general to Confederate president Davis, another office, greatly astonished said to him,

“General, do you know that the man of whom you speak so highly to the President is one of your bitterest enemies, and misses no opportunity to malign you?”

Yes, replied Lee, but the President asked my opinion of him. He did not ask what he thought of me.