

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE
#SermonPeople
Building Healthy Relationships - Part 5
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Six Types Of Difficult People

- The Demanding
- The Deafening
- The Discontented
- The Disapproving
- The Destructive
- The Demeaning

How Jesus Dealt With Difficult People

1. REALIZE YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE

John 5:30c "...I seek not to please myself but him who sent me." (NIV)

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (NIV)

Proverbs 29:25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap... (NLT)

2. REFUSE TO PLAY THEIR GAME

Matthew 22:15, 17-18 The Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging...¹⁷ So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"¹⁸ Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? (MSG)

Luke 23:9 Herod asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus wouldn't answer him. (GW)

Matthew 26:62-63a The high priest stood up and asked Jesus, "Why don't you say something in your own defense? Don't you hear the charges they are making against you?"⁶³ But Jesus did not answer. (CEV)

Matthew 27:12-14 When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge--to the great amazement of the governor. (NIV)

Matthew 15:13 Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my Father shall be rooted up, so ignore them." (LB)

Proverbs 26:21 Just as charcoal and wood keep a fire going, a quarrelsome person

keeps an argument going. (NCV)

3. RESIST RETALIATION

Matthew 5:38-39 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too. (TEV)

1 Peter 3:9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. (NLT)

Romans 12:19 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. (NIV)

4. REBUKE WHEN USEFUL

Luke 17:3 Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. (NASB)

Proverbs 9:8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. (NIV)

Proverbs 17:10 A single rebuke does more for a person of understanding than a hundred lashes on the back of a fool. (NLT)

5. RESOLVE TO LOVE AND PRAY

Matthew 5:43-45 You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemies.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. ⁴⁵ If you do this, then you will be true sons of your Father in heaven... (ICB)

Romans 12:14 Ask God to bless everyone who mistreats you. Ask him to bless them and not to curse them. (CEV)

Proverbs 16:7 When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them. (GW)