

DEALING WITH JOB STRESS AND DIFFICULT PEOPLE

What the Bible says about work - Part 4

Helpful books used in the preparation of today's message: *"The Joy of Working,"* by Denis Waitley and Reni Witt, Ballantine Books. *"The Wisdom of Solomon at Work: Ancient Virtues for Living and Leading Today,"* by Charles Manz, Berrett-Koehler Publishers. *"The Richest Man Who Ever Lived: King Solomon's Secrets to Success, Wealth, and Happiness,"* by Steven Scott, Doubleday Business. *"The Solomon Secrets: 10 Keys to Extraordinary Success from Proverbs,"* by Robert Jeffress, Waterbrook Press.

TYPES OF DIFFICULT PEOPLE

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HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

1. REALIZE _____

Romans 12:18 – *"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."*

Proverbs 29:25 – *"It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you..."* (Today's English)

John 5:30 [Jesus] – *"I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."*

Luke 6:26 – *"Woe to you when all men speak well of you..."*

2. REFUSE

1 Peter 3:9 – *“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult...”*

Proverbs 12:16 – *“When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Smart people will ignore an insult.”* (Today’s English)

Proverbs 21:23 – *“If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you say.”* (Today’s English)

3.

Matthew 22:15 & 18 – *“The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions... Jesus was aware of their intent, however, so he said, ‘Why are you trying to trap me?’”* (Today’s English)

Proverbs 26:21 – *“Charcoal keeps the embers glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublemakers keep arguments alive.”* (Today’s English)

Proverbs 22:10 – *“Throw out the mocker, and you will be rid of tension, fighting, and quarrels.”* (Living)

4.

Romans 12:2 – *“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold...”* (Phillips)

2 Timothy 1:7 – *“For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.”* (Today’s English)

5.

Ephesians 4:26-27 – *“If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day. Don’t give the Devil a chance.”* (Today’s English)

James 1:19 – *“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”*

6.

Remember this about every person you meet: God loves them.

Matthew 5:44 – *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”* (King James)

Proverbs 16:7 – *“When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.”*