



Dealing with difficult people

1 Thess. 5:14-15

Difficult people:

Irresponsible family members, touchy fellow workers, unreasonable bosses, complaining/unsatisfied customers at work place, unfriendly sales people at the store




Difficult people cont'd:

Cranky neighbors, harsh teachers, sensitive classmates, bad students, morally weak/ uncooperative church members, aggressive drivers, and self centered people


Difficult people in the Thessalonian church? (1 Thess. 5:14-15):

Warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone, be kind to each other




How to deal with difficult people:

- Live in peace with others (Rom. 12:18, Heb. 12:14)
- Don't repay evil with evil (1 Peter 3:9)
- Don't resist any evil person (Matt. 5:39)



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- Offer forgiveness freely (Matt. 18:35)
- Identify with other person's and situations (Phil. 2:4)
- Pray for those who hurt you (Matt. 5:43-48)



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- **Speak the truth in love (Matt. 18:15)**
- **Don't try to judge others (Matt. 7:1-5)**
- **Entrust everything to God (Prov. 3:5-6)**



Deal with people in a way that agrees with the Word of God