

WORK LIFE - DIFFICULT PEOPLE

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Introduction

God is the One who created us with a desire to work. Even though this desire is natural, we all have difficult people who can make work miserable. Sometimes we have a boss who shows favoritism, or we have a coworker who gossips and manipulates others for personal gain. These situations and more can make our work life miserable. In today's lesson we will discuss ways we can deal with difficult people while at work.

Discussion

1. In Romans 12:9-21, Paul provides practical advice on how to live with Christ's love. Read this passage out loud and discuss which piece of advice stands out to you and why.
2. What seems difficult about this passage for you? How would your behavior, attitude, or beliefs have to change in order to love like this? Would you have to start thinking differently (Romans 12:2)?
3. The Apostle Paul proclaims we are to "live at peace with everyone"
(Romans 12:18). Think of a difficult person in your life and discuss what steps you need to take this week to start living at peace with that person as much as it depends on you.

Think about it

It's been said, "Hurting people, hurt people." As you work, consider the difficulties your coworkers may be facing in their lives. How can you be a catalyst for healing in the workplace this week?

Do something

1. Spend 30 minutes this week meditating on Romans 12:16-21. Think of ways to implement the idea of living at peace with everyone in your life. Write down these ideas and do one idea this week.
2. Spend 30 minutes this week asking God for direction to deal with one difficult person in your work life. Write down ways which you feel God telling you to deal with a difficult person.
3. Ask God to help you with kind words to speak when you deal with a difficult person. Write down how this difficult person responds.

4. Are there barriers keeping you from loving a specific person in your life? Talk with a friend or spouse about this and ask God to begin removing these barriers from your heart.