

COPING WITH CRANKY CO-WORKERS
Advancing Your Career - Part 4 of 6

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

Types of Difficult People

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

1. REALIZE _____.

Romans 12:18 "... as far as it depends on you..."

Proverbs 29:25 (GN) "It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you."

John 5:29 (Jesus) "I only seek to please 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 (GN) "When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Smart people will ignore an insult."

Proverbs 21:23 (GN) "If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you say."

3. REFUSE _____.

Matthew 22:15,18 (GN) (Jesus) "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?"

Proverbs 26:21 (GN) "... Wood keeps a fire burning and troublemakers keep arguments alive."

Proverbs 22:10 (LB) "Throw out the mocker and you will be rid of tension, fighting and quarrels."

4. REFUSE _____.

Romans 12:2 (Ph) "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold..."

Matthew 5:36 (JB) "All you need to say is `Yes' if you mean yes, or `No' if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

2 Timothy 1:7 (GN) "For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control."

5. RESOLVE _____.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (GN) "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."

James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry."

6. RESPOND _____.

Matthew 5:44 (KJV) "Love your enemies, ble^ss them that curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who despitefully use you..."

Proverbs 16:7 "When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies live at peace with him."