



YOU ASKED FOR IT – Part 3

Dealing with Difficult People

(2 Timothy 2:23-26 NLT) Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

What Are My Choices?

- ✓ You can choose to _____ it.
- ✓ You can choose to _____ it.
- ✓ You can choose to _____ it.

The Biblical Response

1. _____ you cannot please everyone.
(John 5:30) By Myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is just, for I seek not to please Myself but Him who sent Me.
2. _____ to play the game.
(John 2:24 NLT) But Jesus didn't trust them, because He knew all about people.
3. _____ above it.
(Isaiah 40:31 NKJV) But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

4. Never _____.

(1 Peter 3:9 NLT) 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 grant you His blessing.

5. _____ them.

(Matthew 5:44 NLT) But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

6. Live _____.

(Ephesians 4:32 NLT) Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.



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What Are My Choices?

- ✓ You can choose to curse it.
- ✓ You can choose to nurse it.
- ✓ You can choose to reverse it.

The Biblical Response

1. Realize you cannot please everyone.

(John 5:30) By Myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is just, for I seek not to please Myself but Him who sent Me.

2. Refuse to play the game.

(John 2:24 NLT) But Jesus didn't trust them, because He knew all about people.

3. Rise above it.

(Isaiah 40:31 NKJV) But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

4. Never retaliate.

(1 Peter 3:9 NLT) 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 grant you His blessing.

5. Release them.

(Matthew 5:44 NLT) But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

6. Live redemptively.

(Ephesians 4:32 NLT) Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.