

Dealing With Difficult People

Matthew 17:17

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Matthew 17:17 (Phillips NT) "You really are an unbelieving and difficult people," Jesus returned. "How long must I be with you, and how long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!"

PERSPECTIVE

Numbers 13:33 (NKJV) "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

"You cannot consistently perform in a way that is inconsistent with the way you see yourself." - Zig Ziglar

PROCESS

Do I understand the stages of a relationship? Do I realize there are some stages in a relationship that are more crucial than others?

5 stages of a relationship

The Romance Stage

The Power Struggle Stage

The Stability Stage

The Commitment Stage

The Co-Creation or Bliss Stage

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<http://www.loveatfirstfight.com/relationship-advice/relationship-stages/>

PEOPLE

The number one rule in dealing with difficult people is: Don't take it personally.

SEVEN DIFFICULT PERSONALITY TYPES

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FIVE BIBLICAL RESPONSES

- 1. Love sincerely (Rom. 12:9).*
- 2. Apply Godly Wisdom (James 1:5).*
- 3. Guard Your Own Heart (Pro. 4:23).*
- 4. Don't Put a Novice in Office (1 Tim. 3:6).*
- 5. Practice Honesty (Pro. 14:2).*

Answers: Sherman Tank, Space Cadet, The Volcano, Thumb Suckers, Wet Blanket, Garbage Collector, User