

Be alert. Be firm in the Christian faith. Be courageous and strong.

**1 Corinthians 16:13 GW**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Romans 12:18 NIV**

## How to Deal With Difficult People . . .

### 1. Refuse to be offended.

A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.

**Proverbs 12:16 NLT**

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

**Proverbs 19:11 NIV**

### 2. Choose to forgive them.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Luke 23:34a NIV**

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

**Colossians 3:13 TLB**

### 3. Avoid gossiping about them.

A devious person spreads quarrels. A gossip separates the closest of friends.

**Proverbs 16:28 GW**

You will lose your friends if you keep talking about what they did wrong.

**Proverbs 17:9b CEV**

### 4. Resist playing their game.

Charcoal keeps the embers glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublemakers keep arguments alive.

**Proverbs 26:21 GNT**

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.

**Titus 3:10 NIV**

### 5. Take the high road.

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

**Romans 12:21 NIV**

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

**Proverbs 16:7 NIV**

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