

#8 DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE PT. 1

1. DIFFICULT PEOPLE _____.

It been said that the world consists of three kinds of people:

- The _____.
- The _____.
- The _____.

Daniel 6:1-9 (NLT) Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the

den of lions. And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." So King Darius signed the law.

Daniel 6:7-8 (NIV) The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

John 15:18-19 (NLT) "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you."

2. DIFFICULT PEOPLE _____ OTHERS.

James 3:13-15 (NIV) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

What are some the signs of evil people?

- Consistent _____.
- Consistent _____ and _____.
- Lack of _____ and _____ for others.

- The consistent refusal to accept _____ _____ for their _____.
- Consistently _____ and _____ of others.
- Consistently _____ others.
- The desire to "_____" others or make others _____.
- _____ the pain and suffering of others.
- The willingness to destroy others for _____ _____.
- Lack of _____ _____.
- Intense _____ and _____.
- Regularly _____ and rarely or never _____.
- Consistently ignoring and _____ the _____ of others.
- The consistent creation of _____, _____ and _____.
- Consistent _____ and _____.

Proverbs 26:6-11 (NLT) Trusting a fool to convey a message is like cutting off one's feet or drinking poison! A proverb in the mouth of a fool is as useless as a paralyzed leg. Honoring a fool is as foolish as tying a stone to a slingshot. A proverb in the mouth of a fool is like a thorny branch brandished by a drunk. An employer who hires a fool or a bystander is like an archer who shoots at random. As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.

Proverbs 4:14-16 (NIV) Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.