

Dealing with Difficult People

TODAY: AVOIDING THE DRAMA

Ephesians 2:9, 10 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

To Deal with an Unreasonable Person

1. Assess the Opposition

- a. How _____ are their muscles?
- b. What's the _____ of the drama?
- c. How _____ does this go?

Proverbs 26:4 *Don't respond to the stupidity of a fool; you'll only look foolish yourself.*

Proverbs 1:10 *Dear friend, if bad companions tempt you, don't go along with them.*

2. _____ the drama

- a. _____ button-pushing
 - i. Direct button-pushing is usually _____.
 - ii. Indirect button-pushing is usually _____ and can include...
 1. Exploitation of _____ weaknesses
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

b. Avoid _____

i. Plan your _____

Proverbs 9:7-8 If you reason with an arrogant cynic, you'll get slapped in the face; confront bad behavior and get a kick in the shins. So don't waste your time on a scoffer; all you'll get for your pains is abuse.

ii. Display no _____

iii. Expect it to get _____

c. Avoid _____

i. Don't expect _____

ii. Don't expect _____