



Getting Along with People at Work
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Working for a Difficult Manager

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.
(Romans 13:1-2)

Pray for Your Management

I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1 Timothy 2:1 - 2)

Protect Your Boss

Do not revile the king even in your thoughts, or curse the rich in your bedroom, because a bird of the air may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say.
(Ecclesiastes 10:20)

Working for an Unreasonable or Incompetent Boss

By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.
(Proverbs 25:15)

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit

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if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2: 18-21)

Examine Yourself

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Peter 2:12)

Personal “Performance Evaluation”

Who is the most difficult coworker you now must work with on your job?

What is it about this person that makes him/her difficult to work with?

- Laziness
- Condescending/Arrogant
- Domineering
- Negative
- Vindictive/Hostile
- Other_____

What is your most common emotional reaction to this person?

- Resentment
- Anger
- Revenge
- Demotivated
- Other_____

What can you do – or what are you willing to do – to have a Christ-like attitude toward this person?

- Pray for this person



- Pray for a changed attitude
- Humble myself and not respond
- Respond with kindness instead of sarcasm
- Keep my mouth shut instead of complaining or arguing
- Stop gossiping about this person
- Confront this person in love for his/her benefit
- Other _____

If you work for a difficult manager, what is the main issue you have with him/her?

- Incompetent
- Unwilling to listen
- Unreasonable
- Discriminates
- Poor communicator
- Unreasonable expectations
- Other _____

What can you do – or what are you willing to do – to have a Christ-like attitude toward this manager?

- Pray for him/her
- Stop talking about him/her in derogatory ways
- Stop complaining about him/her
- Pray that my attitude will be one of submitting to those in authority
- Do what I can to protect my boss
- Follow his/her instructions unless they are against biblical principles
- Other _____



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