

Resolving Problems In Human Relationships

By Mike Riley

Someone has said, "The more I get to know the human race, the more I love my dog." We know that dogs are loyal, dependable, eager to please, and quick to forgive and forget. Don't we wish people were more like that? But sometimes no matter how hard we try to have a good relationship with someone, personalities clash and it doesn't work.

The apostle Paul addressed the situation of resolving problems in human relationships in Romans 12:18. Note the phrase "as much as depends on you." He knew that some people-problems may never be resolved entirely. After all, it takes two to quarrel and two to reconcile. If we do our part and the problem remains, there is still a plan to follow. Let's not harbor resentment or retaliate with the weapon of silence, but rather do all we can to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21), and allow God to work out the problem.

We need to make application of the following steps given in Romans 12:9-21 until our people-problems are resolved — but especially if they're not:

Demonstrate genuine love toward one another (Romans 12:9).

Be affectionate to one another — showing high esteem and respect (Romans 12:10).

Be prayerfully patient (Romans 12:12).

Bless our persecutors (Romans 12:14; cf. Matthew 5:44; Acts 7:60).

Be humble rather than conceited (Romans 12:16).

Be honest with one another (Romans 12:17; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:21).

Never have a vengeful attitude (Romans 12:19).

Keep a person's needs and best interests at heart (Romans 12:20; cf. 1 Samuel 24:16-19).

Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

There's an old adage that holds true regarding human relationships — people don't care about how much we know until they know how much we care. Brethren, we can better resolve problems in human relationships if the person we're having a conflict with knows that we truly care about them and their eternal souls. After all — the Lord cares (1 Peter 5:7; 2 Peter 3:9).

Let's think about it!



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald
Communion- Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Wayne Fowler

June 25th

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Announcements

—Due to Father's Day there will be no PM Services this evening.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are turned in. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Laverne Driver, Emma Morgan, Dwain Flowers, John McDaniel, Dan Ross, Joanne Randolph, Gena Granger, Lorrie McDonald Edwards, Peggy Johnson, Waymon Swain, Ben Aaron, Roy McDonald, Buster Guice, Charles Reeves, Keith Bailey.

Bereaved: Families of Max Aubel, Darlene Henry, Deb McInturff, Betty Jo Franklin, Rita Walthall, Hershel Bearden.

Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, and Charlie McDaniel Jr.



June birthdays

10 - Sharon Harris
12 - Rachel Rogers
16 - Victor Binford
16 - Janice Hayes
20 - Debbie Grice
21 - Ashton Richardson
22 - Damien Miller
25 - Don Delukie

June Anniversaries

28 - Arthur and Cybil Binford
28 - Keith and Cheryl Brister

