

# ***Keeping the Crazy-makers From Making You CRAZY!***

**SERIES: You Make Me Crazy – Part 5**

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## **Types of Crazy-makers**

1. **DEMANDING**
2. **DISAPPROVING**
3. **DEAFENING**
4. **DESTRUCTIVE**
5. **DISCONTENTED**
6. **DEMEANING**

## **HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE**

### **1. Refuse to be **OFFENDED**.**

*“When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Wise people will ignore an insult.”* Prov. 12:16 (TEV)

*“A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”* Prov. 19:11

*“Love overlooks the wrongs that others do.”* Pr. 10:12 (CEV)

### **2. You don't wait for an **APOLOGY** to **FORGIVE** them.**

*Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* Luke 23:34

*“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”* Col. 3:13 (NLT)

### **3. Refuse to **GOSSIP** about them.**

*“Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; but gossiping about them separates close friends.”* Pr. 17:9 (NLT)

*“Do not do wrong to repay a wrong, and do not insult to repay an insult. But repay with a blessing, because you yourselves were called to do this so that you might receive a blessing.”* 1 Peter 3:9 (NCV)

#### 4. I refuse to **PLAY** their **GAME**.

*(Example of Jesus) “The Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging... Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, ‘Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me?’” Matt. 22: 15,18-19 (MSG)*

*“We reject all shameful and underhanded methods. We do not try to trick anyone, and we do not distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know that.” 2 Cor. 4:2 (NLT)*

*“Just as charcoal and wood keep a fire going, a quarrelsome person keeps an argument going.” Prov. 26:21 (NCV)*

#### 5. Refuse to **CAVE** **IN**.

*“Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.” Rom, 14:16*

*“We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law.” Gal. 5:1 (NCV)*

*“The disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?’ Jesus replied, ‘Every plant not planted by my Father will be rooted up, so ignore them!’” Matt. 15:12-14 (NLT)*

#### 6. Always take the **HIGH** **GROUND**.

*“Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.” Rom. 12:14 (TEV)*

*“If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.” Rom. 12:17-18 (TEV)*

*“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Rom. 12:21*

*“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies live at peace with him.” Prov. 16:7*