## YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY

# Protecting Yourself From The Crazies

Six Types (	Of Crazy Makers
How To De	al With Difficult People
	To Be Offended
	Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offenses.
	Colossians 3:13 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.
	How Do I Not Take It Personally
	Consider The
	Proverbs 12:16 A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.
	Consider Their
	Proverbs 19:11 People with good sense restrain their anger; they earn esteem by overlooking wrongs.
	That You Won't Get An Apology

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

- 13 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.
- 14 And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.
- 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful.



Proverbs 17:9 Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; telling about them separates close friends.

Proverbs 26:20 Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.

21 A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood.

#### Retaliation

- 2 Corinthians 4:2 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.
- 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.
- 9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it.
- 10 For the Scriptures say, "If you want a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil, and keep your lips from telling lies.
- 11 Turn away from evil and do good. Work hard at living in peace with others.

## \_\_\_\_\_ Being Manipulated

Galatians 5:1 So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Matthew 15:12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?"

- 13 Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be rooted up,
- 14 so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch."

## \_\_\_\_\_ In A Godly Manner

Romans 12:14 If people persecute you because you are a Christian, don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.

- 15 When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow.
- 16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't try to act important, but enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!
- 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.
- 18 Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.
- 19 Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord.
- 20 Instead, do what the Scriptures say: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink, and they will be ashamed of what they have done to you."
- 21 Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Proverbs 16:6 Unfailing love and faithfulness cover sin; evil is avoided by fear of the LORD.

7 When the ways of people please the LORD, he makes even their enemies live at peace with them.