

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE AT WORK

INTRODUCTION:

Pressures, stresses and conflicts under which a person must spend one-third of his day (employment) often create many special difficulties and temptations. This also applies to any situation where you have an authority figure from whom you must "take orders." (Job, school, military, church, etc.) When required to respond to "unreasonable" demands, it can cause frustration and even rebellion. When you understand certain Biblical principles, it can help you to "get along" better, "cope" more successfully and, yes, even be happy! Let's look at some of these principles.

I. DEMONSTRATING SUBJECTION

- A. How does God say that servants should respond to their masters? Eph. 6:5a; Col. 3:22.
- B. What is the relationship that should exist between the young and old? Between all people? I Pet. 5:5a; Eph. 5:21.

II. RENDERING SERVICE

- A. How should we view our relationship to those in a supervisory capacity? Eph. 6:5b-7; Col. 3:23-24.
- B. Should we consider ourselves on a TOTALLY EQUAL basis with authority figures? Why? John 13:16.
- C. To whom are you responsible while on the job? Rom. 14:4
- D. How do you look at "doing what you're told?" Luke 17:7-10

III. MAINTAINING SELF-CONTROL

Why is "self-control" such an important quality in getting along with people? Gal. 5:22-24; II Pet. 1:5-8.

I. BEING A GOOD EXAMPLE

Why is it so important that a Christian behave himself around non-Christians? I Thess. 4:12; Col. 4:5.

V. RECEIVING JUST REPAYMENT

- A. What assurance does a Christian have that doing his work well is "worth it"? Col. 3:23-24; Eph. 6:7-8.

- B. Why should a person NOT feel he must right every wrong done to him by others?
Col. 3:25. Rom. 12:17-20

VI. SHOWING A PROPER ATTITUDE

- A. What is the proper attitude you should have toward your responsibilities? II Thess. 3:12. I Thess. 4:11
B. How should you feel toward other people you are involved with? Phil. 2:3-4.

Other discussion questions:

1. How should you handle a conflict with your boss, teacher, leader?
2. Is it ever the Christian's fault if he gets fired from a job?
3. What can you do to improve strained relationships with your boss?
4. What circumstances might call for you to "move on"?