

**YOU MAKE ME CRAZY**  
**P. 4 - Keeping the Crazy-Makers**  
**From Making You Crazy**

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**THE SIX 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**

*Emotional and spiritual maturity  
is largely determined  
by how you treat  
those who mistreat you*

**Proverbs 12:16 (TEV)**

When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Smart people will ignore an insult.

**Proverbs 10:12 (CEV)**

Hatred stirs up trouble; love overlooks the wrongs that others do.

2. **DON'T WAIT FOR AN APOLOGY TO FORGIVE THEM**

*It's like you're drinking poison  
to kill the other person*

*God is loving  
and gave us directions  
on how to live our lives*

*Why hold on  
to resentment?*

**Luke 23:34 (NIV)**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

**Matthew 5:7 (NIV)**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

**3. REFUSE TO GOSSIP ABOUT THEM**

***BUT IT FEELS SO GOOD!***

**Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)**

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

**1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)**

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it.

**4. REFUSE TO PLAY THEIR GAME**

***CRAZY MAKERS USE CONFLICT  
TO GET YOUR ATTENTION***

***THEY TRY TO HOOK YOU  
TO GET YOUR ATTENTION  
THROUGH CONFLICT***

**Matthew 22:18 (NIV)**

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

**2 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)**

We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

**Proverbs 26:21 (NCV)**

Just as charcoal and wood keep a fire going, a quarrelsome person keeps an argument going.

**Proverbs 22:10 (NLT)**

Throw out the mocker, and fighting goes, too. Quarrels and insults will disappear.

**Titus 3:10 (NIV)**

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.

## 5. REFUSE TO CAVE IN

### ***LOVE DOES NOT GIVE IN TO MANIPULATORS***

***Forgiveness and trust  
are two different things.  
Forgiveness is instant.  
Trust must be earned.***

#### **Romans 14:16 (NIV)**

Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.

### ***MEEK NOT WEAK***

#### **2 Corinthians 11:20 (NCV)**

You are even patient with those who order you around, or use you, or trick you, or think they are better than you, or hit you in the face.

#### **Galatians 5:1 (NCV)**

We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law.

#### **Matthew 15:12-14 (NLT)**

<sup>[12]</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?”

<sup>[13]</sup> Jesus replied, “Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted,

<sup>[14]</sup> so ignore them.”

### ***EVEN GOD CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY***

## 6. ALWAYS TAKE THE HIGH GROUND

#### **Romans 12:14 (TEV)**

Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.

#### **Romans 12:21 (TEV)**

Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.

#### **Proverbs 16:7 (NIV)**

When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.