

Handling Toxic People Part 3

Toxic People Are Everywhere

Definition: A toxic person is one who does damage to me or others with most every interaction.

Principle: We need to distance ourselves from toxic people.

Bottom Line: Toxic coworkers make us worse people

HOW DO WE LIMIT THE INFLUENCE OF TOXIC PEOPLE

Proverbs: How to deal with fools and not become one

Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose speech is corrupt. These people turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths. They rejoice in doing wrong. They enjoy evil because it turns things upside down. What they do is crooked and their ways are wrong.

Proverbs 2:21ff

*Happy is the person who finds wisdom and gains understanding. For the profit of wisdom is better than silver and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She offers you life in her right hand and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life for those who take hold of her; happy are those who hold her tightly. **Proverbs 3:13ff***

Definition: Wisdom is an unusual insight into life and people. Wisdom sees life and people from God's perspective.

*The Lord gives wisdom. **Proverbs 2:6***

*Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! If you prize wisdom she will exalt you. Embrace her and she will honor you. **Proverbs 4:7-8***

Principle: God's wisdom allows us to respond to people rather than react to people

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*Do not do as the wicked do or follow the path of evildoers. Avoid their haunts. Turn away and go somewhere else, for evil people cannot sleep until they've done their evil deed for the day. They cannot rest until they've caused someone to stumble. **Proverbs 4:14-16***

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*A gentle answer turns away wrath but harsh words stir up anger. **Proverbs 15:1***

Wisdom at work requires wisdom to be at work within me