How To Deal With The Fools In Your Life

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INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever noticed in the Christian life how much easier it would be to be a Christian if everybody else in the world would cooperate?
- Sometimes people act downright inconsistent with Christianity and the way that they treat us.
- You have one godly woman that stands now between a wicked fool and a man after God's own heart, who is not thinking as he ought to think now, but is thinking in terms of vengeance.

1 A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath

Proverbs 15:1

- Here is a situation in which all she would have had to have done is said the wrong thing.
- She spoke gently. And in doing so, she put herself in a situation to become a peacemaker rather than someone to make things worse.
- Abigail's a powerful example of how what Proverbs 15 and verse 1 has to say, how a soft answer turns away wrath.

2 Be Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9; Matthew 5:39–40

- It doesn't take anything to stir up strife among brothers. It takes effort, it takes work, it takes wisdom to be able to take a situation that is volatile and turn it into a situation that is peaceful.
- But you be the one that stops the circle of violence. You be the one who becomes the peacemaker.
- Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what's right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- If there's going to be a fight, there have to be two people involved in the fight, and you take yourself out of it.
- You be the one that takes the last blow so that it'll stop with you.

3 Humility Never Hurts

- God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace unto the humble. Humility never hurts.
- And in that last statement, she says, Let me be the one to wash the feet of David's slaves.
- As humble as you may think you are at any given time, you can always be more so and be justified in the claim.
- We need to be people who, instead of allowing ourselves to become proud, realize that God is opposed to the proud, but is always standing willing to give grace to the humble.

4 Never Be Ashamed to Point Someone Heavenward

- And we ought to never be ashamed to point someone heavenward.
- There is a big difference in somebody who's trying to play mental games with you and somebody who's trying to point you toward heaven.
- But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.
- And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those that make peace.
- Is my behavior peaceable? Are my motives pure? Are my actions gentle?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Make up our minds that we're not going to become part of the cosmic problem. We're going to become part of the cosmic solution to sin, to conflict, to difficulty, and not allow ourselves to become fools just because someone else acts foolishly.**

MY NOTES