



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

"Dealing with Complicated People"

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Dear Partner,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you are walking in the love of God.

We have all had to deal with complicated people at sometime or another. I would define a complicated individual as a person that keeps confusion or strife continually, always has drama in their lives or a person that is threatened by you or just gives you a hard time for absolutely no reason. I have dealt with people like this from time to time in my own life and I know that it is not always comfortable. So my focus in this letter will be to provide you with strategies on how to deal with such individuals.

First of all, we must remain prayerful in those situations. According to **Psalm 37:1-2** we are to ¹ *Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*

² *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.* I remember being on a job and having to deal with a complicated supervisor. A close friend of mine & I endured lots of heartache from this person all of the time. No matter how diligently we worked, this person would find a reason to come after us. It came to a point where I would have to go to the park to pray everyday during lunch just to be able to get through the entire 8 hour day. Even after I got home in the evening, I spent hours praying for this supervisor. During this time, my friend and I shared an office. There is one day that I will never forget. My supervisor came in and told us to stop praying for him. He said that he knew that we prayed for him because one day he awoke out of his sleep and all he could see was green. Immediately, I thought about the scripture Psalm 37 where it says *"...they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb."* I had been praying and meditating on that scripture so much that when he awoke, some how he knew that we had been praying for him. Because he was saw green, I knew that this represented that fact that he was about to wither.

The Bible says in II Thessalonians 1:6 *Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you. **God knows how to take care of your enemies.***

Well shortly thereafter, this supervisor was forced to resign. This guy at one time seemed invincible, but I believed the Word of God more than outward circumstances. Psalm 37:28 says *For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.* Verse 40 says *And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.*

Strategies for Overcoming Difficult People:

1. Remain prayerful for the person. (Pray for their salvation if they are not saved.)
2. Continue to walk in love, but be firm.
3. Be willing to take a stand and God will stand with you.
4. Do not allow bitterness to set-in.
5. Continue to forgive. Make it a life-style and not a struggle.
6. Talk to God on a constant basis to release the person(s) that are causing you problems-- (not to complain). If you have a person you can trust...confide in them. Allow them to be there for you.
7. Do not complain.
8. Walk in wisdom.
9. Keep good documentation (if this applies to your work situation).

In 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 the Bible makes it clear how things are going to turn out. ⁵⁷*But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* ⁵⁸*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

As always, we thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Love,

Harold M. Council
Senior Pastor

Ministry Update:

- Over 40 people have been saved or restored back to Jesus Christ. Many others have been healed, delivered and set free by the power of God.
- Micah had surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids last month. The surgery went well and he is doing great.
- Hurricane Isabelle came through, but it wasn't stronger than the Almighty God.
- If you are in the Raleigh, NC area, be sure to visit our church and experience one of our awesome services.