



Our goal for 40 Days of Love:

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To be more like God _____, because God is love _____

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EXTRA _____ **GRACE** _____ **REQUIRED** _____

- Difficult _____ people
 - Hard to get along with or work with
 - They are often immature and irresponsible
 - Often deficient in social skills
 - They are typically rude _____ and obnoxious
- Demanding _____ people
 - They have an agenda, they are pushy _____ and aggressive
 - They make you feel a bit manipulated
 - They are stubborn, insistent and often demeaning
 - They are self-centered and expect perfection in you
- Disappointing _____ people
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 - Maybe they broke a promise or said something they shouldn't have said
 - More serious: Unfaithful, disloyal, hypocritical
- Destructive _____ people
 - They fully intend to harm _____ you.
 - They are deceitful, debilitating and dangerous

How Should I Respond to EGRs?
1 Corinthians 13:5

With Difficult people...

I must be tactful _____, not just truthful _____

- Love overcomes evil _____ with good _____
- **Proverbs 18:13** – I have to listen _____ lovingly and then respond lovingly _____.
- **Ephesians 4:31-32**
- The more pleasant _____ you are, the more persuasive _____ you are.
- **Proverbs 25:21-22**

With Demanding people...

I must be understanding _____, not demanding _____

- Jesus _____ is the perfect example. **Philippians 2:5-8**
- **Titus 3:2**
- Perspective can be gained when we get to know people:
 - Their background _____
 - Their battles _____
 - Their burdens _____
- **Proverbs 19:11**
- Be tender _____ without surrender _____

With Disappointing people...

I must be gentle _____, not judgmental _____

- **Galatians 6:1-5** – Approach others gently and with grace.
- RIGHT + RUDE = WRONG _____
- **Colossians 3:13**

With Destructive people...

I don't repeat _____ it, just delete _____ it

- Our natural tendencies are to remember _____ it and retaliate _____
 - We often repeat the hurt...
 - Emotionally _____ in our minds
 - Relationally _____ as a weapon
 - Verbally _____ in letting everyone know
 - Every time we repeat something we get hurt _____ **again**
 - Forgiveness _____ is the path to freedom _____
- Proverbs 10:12, 1 Peter 4:8**

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