**You Asked For it** (Graphic)

#5. Discovering God’s purpose for my life.

#4. Surviving life’s worst moments.

#3. Raising kids in today’s culture.

#2. Dealing with difficult people.

(Romans 12:16)

“Live in **harmony** with one another.”

(Romans 12:14-15)

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

1. Be **sympathetic.**

Every time we show sympathy, **people’s reasoning brains turn on.**

Every time we deliver threats or anger, **their reasoning brains turn off.**

Showing sympathy **opens the mind to understanding.**

**Remember:**

Sincere sympathy **works wonders.**

Sarcastic sympathy **backfires.**

1. Be **like minded.**

Whose mind do we use then?! **The mind of Christ.**

(Romans 15:5-6)

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you **the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus has**, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. Be **humble.**

Humble yourself and ask, “**Am I the one being difficult**?”

(1 Peter 3:8)

“Finally, all of you, be **like-minded**, be **sympathetic**, love one another, be **compassionate** and **humble**. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

1. Be **Honoring**

Honor is the **ability to see the significance** of others.

There is not stronger bond than when **two people are mutually honoring** one another.

(Romans 12:9-21)

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. One the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**10 Commandants for Confrontation:**

1. Do it **privately**, not publicly.
2. Do it as **soon** as possible.
3. Speak to **one** issue at a time.
4. Once you’ve made a point, **don’t keep repeating it**.
5. Deal only with actions the person **can change**.
6. Avoid **sarcasm**.
7. Avoid words like “**always**” and “**never**.”
8. If possible, present criticisms as **suggestions or questions**.
9. Don’t apologize for the **need to meet**.
10. Don’t forget **compliments**.

**Confrontation** can be **conversation**, is doesn’t have to be **chaotic**.