

The Gift Nobody Wants

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1. What type of person is most likely to rub you the wrong way? What does this say about you? What are some of the truly difficult effects that difficult people have had in your life? If you can, share a story when someone else's behavior impacted you in a very negative way.
2. Think about Pastor Randy's statement that difficult people are a gift from God. Why is this true? What kind of lessons can difficult, even hurtful people teach us that people that love us can't?
3. Read James 1:19-20
4. Which of these describe you?
 - Quick to listen
 - Slow to speak
 - Slow to become angry
5. If these describe you, how did you come to be this way? If they don't describe you, how did you come to be this way?
6. Pastor Randy said that when we are quick to anger, we miss our chance to love people. Why should we love difficult people? Hint: Read Ephesians 4:30-31, John 3:16.
7. What role does the Holy Spirit have in helping us be slow to anger? Have you ever actually tried making it policy to always pray before acting?
8. Why do we assume that people never change? How could following the three-step process in James help change a difficult person? How might this change you?
9. Who needs for you to listen to them?
10. Who needs for you to slow your responses to them?
11. Who are you quick to become angry with? How might you change this?

12. What is one thing to experiment with to make your relationships better?