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Crazy Makers – Part 3 How To Deal With The Crazy's In Your Family

Romans 12:17-20, NKJV

I. What not to do with the crazies in your family.

- a. Don't avoid the person and any and all situations, but learn to **set limits and boundaries**.
- b. Don't give in an surrender every time, you can't always give in and let them have their way.
- c. Learn to pick your battles—make sure it's worth the battle.
- d. Insights to remember when picking your battles:
 - i. You can win the battle and lose the war—what is the long-term effect.
 - ii. You are responsible for how you treat others.
 - iii. You may not be responsible for how they treat you.
 - iv. You are responsible for how you react to those who are difficult.
 - v. Manage your own emotions well—stop trying to control the emotions of the other person.
 - vi. Focus on solutions not who's going to win.

II. What to do with the crazies in your family.

- a. Don't allow jealousy to become the real problem.
 - i. Jealousy - When you have all that you ought to have or need, but you still want what someone else has.
 - ii. Envy is when you want something someone else has that you don't have. (Genesis 37:3-4, NLT)
 1. Most parents have favorites.
 2. Insights about favorites: You might have a favorite, but you must be fair; Showing favoritism is fatal.
 - iii. Danger of jealousy. (Numbers 5:14, NKJV)
 1. Causes us to do and say things we are sorry for –love causes us to do and say things we are proud of.
 2. Brings bondage—love brings freedom.
 3. Damages relationships—love heals and builds relationships.
 4. Always wants to take and get – love always wants to give.

5. Is natural—love is supernatural. (Proverbs 14:30, NLT; James 3:14-16, NLT)
- b. Don't cause the jealousy. (Genesis 37:3-4, NLT)
 - i. Showing favoritism causes other family members to respond wrong because of jealousy.
 - ii. Entitlement always brings jealousy.
 - iii. Just because something is true does not mean you need to share it with those it might hurt. (Genesis 37:5-8, NLT)

III. How do we overcome jealousy?

- a. Remember God is the source of meeting all your needs.
- b. Remember God is your Redeemer – Avenger, Deliver (Job 19:25, NKJV)
- c. Remember jealousy brings damage.
- d. Remember love can overcome jealousy.