

A Humble Response

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Proverbs 15:1-17

All of us have likely been in some situation where the conversation begins spiraling downhill as the tension builds between you and that other person. Maybe it was with a co-worker when “discussing” how to resolve an office problem; perhaps it was with a child after someone forgot to take the garbage out (again!); maybe it was with the stranger in the store who is frustrating your plans to run another errand.

Integrity is what you do when no one is looking. These situations, however, are out in the open for all to see. How are we to respond in such frustrating situations? Hopefully we all have experienced a situation where one of the persons involved turned down the intensity through humble words and actions. Listening to the co-worker vent, not taking it as a personal attack; the speechless parent after the child confesses their negligence regarding trash-duty; the person in a rush who takes a breath and allows the other to go ahead.

Considering others before ourselves (Philippians 2:3) not only alters the circumstances of the present, but our own character moving ahead.

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