

When Character is the Issue

“I didn’t know this” vs. “I won’t accept this”
 (Ignorance) (Character)

When there is no regard for your fence DON'T:

- Don't _____ or minimize the situation if it is a significant fence problem.
- Don't _____ the situation, hoping it will be better.
- Don't become more _____ and _____, hoping love will fix everything.
- Don't _____.
- Don't be constantly _____ at their behavior. This is a sign of defensive hoping against hope.
- Don't _____.
- Don't take total _____ of the problem.

Prov. 19:19 Let angry people endure the backlash of their own anger; if you try to make it better, you'll only make it worse.

GOAL: _____

DO:

1. _____ your connections.

Ps 1:1-3 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. But they delight in doing everything the LORD wants; day and night they think about his law. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.

2. _____ and _____.

Eph 4:14-15 Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

3. Identify a _____ issue.

Am I asking for _____ change or _____ change?

- Solving an _____ issue helps solve outward symptom.
- Asking for internal _____ helps you learn about the other person's attitude about fences.
- Everyone needs to be _____ to change internally first.

4. _____

- Your feelings are _____ to me.
- Understand and _____ the other point of view.