

When David was a teenager, his oldest brother, Eliab, spoke to him in the most condescending, disrespectful, and accusatory way in front of others. (1 Samuel 17:28) Rest assured that David felt like telling his brother off, but he kept his mouth closed, turned and walked away. Seeing such self-discipline and self-control, it is no wonder God entrusted David to do great things.

You know that if you argue long enough with someone, you are going to say things you regret later. A ten minute argument can set a relationship back ten years. You need to learn to walk away. You are not going to accomplish anything positive in a heated, disrespectful, contentious situation. Let the person rather have the last word, whilst you rather keep your peace and joy. The Scripture says that you “overcome evil with good”. You don’t overcome disrespect with more disrespect, overcome insult with insult, overcome aggression with aggression, or overcome shouting with more shouting. You do it by rather choosing the high road, and being the first to walk away.

Romans 12:21 “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”